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Nation's turn to say farewell



Hannah Furness
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Royal family delivers Queen Elizabeth's coffin to public as first of her subjects pay respects in Westminster Hall

FOR SIX long days, they have carried their grief with dignity. It is now time for us, a nation in mourning, to take over. The Royal family, who less than a week ago learnt of the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother at Balmoral, has passed her coffin from their care to the public, as the greatest lying-in-state spectacle in living memory begins. The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, which had been accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Royal, from Scotland to Buckingham Palace where her wider family gathered around, was yesterday moved to Westminster Hall. There it will lie until the day of her funeral, with a steady stream of mourners to ensure that the late Queen is never alone. Last night, the first of those subjects walked through. Some, in formal black clothes, paused to remove their hats and bow their heads. Others, wearing colourful coats and trainers, clasped their hands in brief prayer and stared up at the Imperial State Crown in wonder. The coming days will see an estimated 400,000 people walk past, taking on the baton of public grieving from a Royal family that has done it so faultlessly until now. Yesterday, as the steady beat of drums preceded them, they walked through

the streets of London in that now-familiar ritual: the King, Princes, Dukes and a Princess following the Queen's coffin with backs straight and eyes forward. If the Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex, walking next to each other, were lost in memories of the very different walk that they undertook for their mother 25 years ago, they did not let on. Instead a King, who has been put through a relentless schedule over the past few days, marched determinedly, looking careworn in his grief. Today, he and the Queen Consort will finally take time in private to rest and reflect. After whirlwind visits to Scotland and Northern Ireland, audiences with key figures in UK public life, and calls to heads of state including Joe Biden, the US president, the 73-year-old King will take time to read the red boxes he has inherited from his mother away from the public gaze at his Highgrove home in Gloucestershire. The Prince and Princess of Wales will briefly retreat to the Royal family's haven in Norfolk, visiting Sandringham to thank the Queen's staff in person and view flowers that have been left by her neighbours there. The Earl and Countess of Wessex will meet the public and light a candle of remembrance in Manchester. It will be a brief pause in ceremonial duties for the Royal family, who will reassemble to walk together again for the full state funeral on Monday. On Tuesday night, they spent their final private moments en masse with the Queen's coffin in the Bow Room of Buckingham Palace, before making way for her long-serving and loyal staff to pay their respects. From there, as one royal source put it, "the coffin is passing from the family, to the state, to the nation". The first sign of how seriously the nation would take that task came at 1.45pm, when London's City Hall declared all public viewing areas for the procession were full to capacity. Crowds, surprisingly quiet, waited patiently for sounds and sights of British pomp and ceremony in full flow. At 2.22pm, to the sound of Beethov-

Members of the Royal family watch as Queen Elizabeth II's coffin is placed in Westminster Hall to lie in state – a spectacle that has drawn hundreds of thousands of mourners to the capital, below

en's *Funeral March No 1*, the Queen's coffin appeared, draped with the Royal Standard and pulled on the same gun carriage of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery that carried both her father in 1952 and mother in 2002. For the last time, her coffin passed through the gates of Buckingham Palace. To the beat of a drum, described by one commentator as the "metronome of grief", mounted Metropolitan Police officers were followed by a dismounted detachment of The Life Guards of the Household Cavalry, then the Bands of the Grenadier and Scots Guards. The bearer party around the coffin was formed by troops from The Queen's Company 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Behind them, came the King in his Marshal of the RAF attire, the uniformed Princess Royal and Earl of Wessex and the Duke of York, distinctive in his morning suit and medals. Then, the Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex, with their cousin Peter Phillips, Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, the Queen's cousin the Duke of

Gloucester, and the Earl of Snowdon, the son of Princess Margaret. The Queen Consort, the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Sussex and the Countess of Wessex travelled behind by car, paying tribute in their own way by wearing jewellery which once belonged to the Queen. Members of the public with a front-row view of the procession stood mostly in respectful silence, occasionally breaking out into applause. Some, tears streaming, seemed surprised by the weight of their own emotions, their faces crumpling as the coffin moved past them and the death of the Queen became a stark reality. In September sunshine, the jewels of the Imperial State Crown glittered on top of the coffin, on which was also placed a wreath of white flowers incorporating pine from the gardens at Balmoral and pittosporum, lavender and rosemary from Windsor. As the procession passed the Cenotaph, those in uniform saluted while those in morning suits – including Prince Harry – bowed their heads. At

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the doors of Westminster Hall, men removed their hats as a King, Princes and Duke suddenly lowered their shoulders in relief to briefly become sons and grandsons again. Joined by their wives, the Waleses standing a few steps ahead of the Sussexes, the family watched as the coffin was placed on the catafalque ready to lie in state, orb and sceptre on top. Just over an hour later, the public were welcomed in. The woman first in line, 56-year-old Vanessa Nanthakumaran from Harrow, north-west London, said: "As I was going past I did a curtsy and said prayers in my heart for her to be at peace, and I thanked her. It's difficult to think that she's gone." From today, those wishing to pay their respects could face a 10-mile queue through central London, with the line swelling from just a handful on Tuesday morning to tens of thousands in a matter of hours. Ministers have drawn up contingency plans that will see people turned away from Southwark Park, the end point of the organised route, to prevent the queue infrastructure from becoming overwhelmed. Last night, civil servants at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport acknowledged that human error was to blame for online live tracking technology which appeared to direct would-be mourners to California and then Yorkshire to join the end of the line. The lying in state will end at 6.30am on Monday, ahead of the coffin being moved again to Westminster Abbey for a full state funeral. It was also confirmed yesterday that all living holders of the Victoria Cross or George Cross have been invited to attend the funeral. They will take their seats among more than 500 dignitaries, including scores of overseas political leaders and members of foreign royal families. It is understood that 17 of the 23 surviving recipients of the valour awards will be in attendance, some flying halfway around the world to be there.



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Palace does not want disruption to services

The Royal family want "minimum disruption" to the nation on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, *The Daily Telegraph* has learnt, after it emerged that NHS appointments have been cancelled and GPs are to close for the bank holiday. Neither the King nor the late Queen had asked for public events, services or transport to be shut down, palace sources said. There is growing criticism over cancellations of services on Monday, after the Government declared it a bank holiday. *Page 12*

WORLD

Kyiv's Humvee push rips up the rule book

The Ukrainian army has ripped up both Western and Soviet tactical rule books in its lightning offensive against Russian troops. Light Humvee vehicles have been used to punch through enemy defence and then race behind enemy lines and bypass but mark Russian positions for destruction. Frantic messages on the Telegram social media platform, posted by Russian war bloggers, described Ukrainian flying columns that charged into villages on a rush to Kupiansk. *Page 18*

BUSINESS

Energy suppliers to profit from taxpayers

The taxpayer will fund profits of up to £1.6 billion for energy suppliers whose earnings are protected in Liz Truss's freeze on household bills. Businesses can make 1.9 per cent on energy sold to the public through the Prime Minister's subsidy scheme, which caps average bills at £2,500. The cost of supplying households could exceed £80 billion over the next year owing to surging wholesale prices. Companies could make a £1.6 billion profit – even though the Treasury will partly foot this cost. *Page 23*

SPORT

Chelsea in discussions to buy Portuguese club

Chelsea have been holding talks over buying a club in Portugal as part of a plan to follow the multi-club model set by the Red Bull football group and Manchester City. Co-controlling owner Todd Boehly met Neil Bath, Chelsea's academy manager, and super-agent Jorge Mendes in Portugal in June. Bath has been scouting the best clubs for Chelsea to send their young players to, while Mendes's extensive links in Portugal would make him the perfect go-between. *Sport, page 1*

MATT

'48 hours of camping, followed by a five-mile queue. We should get a Duke of Edinburgh award'



Stillness and silence as the country gets

Westminster Hall becomes focal point of nation's grief as ornate ceremony gives way to an expression of the public's affection

Gordon Rayner
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The sight was almost overwhelming, but it was the stillness and the silence that will leave the most lasting memories for those in Westminster Hall yesterday.

As the massed ranks of royalty, political leaders and servicemen gathered for Queen Elizabeth II's lying in state, they discovered how it would

feel if time could be paused. As the coffin was placed on its catafalque, history was being written in brilliant colours; the red, blue and gold of the Royal Standard, the purple pleated cloth beneath it, and the gemstones sparkling in the Imperial State Crown.

Yet history is normally a noisy affair, and in a room with hundreds of people bearing witness, it seemed impossible that there could be no sound at all. Not a footstep, not a whisper, not a cough.

The most affecting moment came as Westminster Hall awaited the arrival of the late Queen's coffin. In every

direction, familiar faces lined the ancient walls. The Queen Consort, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Sussex standing by the doorway. Forty other members of the Royal family over their shoulders. The Prime Minister, Privy Counsellors, Lords, knights, heralds, the choir of the Chapel Royal. And, in the centre of this vast space, the platform on which the coffin would soon rest, built in four tiers with the 6ft high catafalque on top, a candle burning at each corner.

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Waiting for their former sovereign and friend were the Queen's seven ladies in waiting, some of whom, like Lady Susan Hussey and the Hon Mary Morrison, had served her for more

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than 60 years. They insisted on standing, despite advancing years.

Of the wider Royal family already inside the hall, only the Duchess of Kent and Princess Michael of Kent needed to be given a seat while they waited, but they stood for the arrival of their Queen and stayed standing throughout the 30-minute service.

At five minutes to three, the first distant sounds of a military band signalled that the coffin procession was approaching, and when the great doors of the hall swung open minutes later, backs were straightened, eyes turned, and as the entry of Sarah Clarke, Lady Usher of the Black Rod, signalled that the moment approached, the choir finally broke the silence with the singing of Psalm 139.

The coffin entered on the shoulders of Coldstream Guardsmen flown back

from Iraq for the occasion, and the Imperial State Crown that adorned it seemed to dance with life, as pearls once owned by Queen Elizabeth I bobbed from its jewelled arches.

A ripple of bows and curtsies followed it on its path as the late Queen's family showed their respect in turn. Then, as the King entered, the Queen Consort, the Princess of Wales, the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Sussex fell into line with their husbands, forming two ranks that approached the catafalque.

Only the Duke of York walked without a partner, while the Queen's cousins, the Duke of Kent – gallantly walking in dress uniform despite difficulty at the age of 86 – the Duke of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent formed a trio bringing up the rear.

The prayer service that followed, led

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Queen Elizabeth II's coffin was placed in Westminister Hall yesterday

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ready to pay its respects

by the Most Rev Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, turned a historic moment into a deeply spiritual one. The service also saw the beginning of the vigil that will be staged until the lying in state ends on Monday morning. Guardsmen took up positions at each corner of the dais, with four Yeomen of the Guard providing an outer cordon, their swords and halberds held point downwards, their heads bowed.

The Grenadier Guards' Queen's Company, which oversees the transition from one monarch to another, must now change its name to the King's Company, and be presented with new colours for a new sovereign.

Its regimental flag, specific to Her Majesty, was ritually laid at the foot of the Queen's coffin by the Captain of the Queen's Company, representing her

lifelong association with the company, of which she was commander, and with the wider Armed Forces.

At the head of the coffin, the Cross of Westminister was placed in a holder by the Dean of Westminister, the Very Rev Dr David Hoyle.

Then, with the ceremony over, the King and other members of the Royal family took their leave. Those in uniform saluted, but the Duke of York and the Duke of Sussex, who had been denied the chance to appear in uniform, bowed their heads.

Lady Gabriella Kingston, the daughter of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, appeared to faint, but recovered her composure and was able to curtsy to the coffin as she left.

Royal servants paid their own respects too, among them the figure of Paul Whybrew, Page of the Backstairs

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to the Queen, known to her as "tall Paul". With the Royal family gone, all that was left was for the almost 300 MPs and Peers to file past, each turning to bow or curtsy from the side of the catafalque, then progress along the carpets laid over the stone floor to deaden the sound of thousands of people filing past day and night.

Party affiliations were ignored as the MPs watched the service. Priti Patel stood with Ed Miliband, James Cleverly stood with Harriet Harman.

There was one final ceremonial duty to perform before the doors could be opened to the public.

The orb and sceptre, which will be presented to the King at his Coronation, were placed atop the coffin beside the Imperial State Crown, the ultimate mark of respect for our longest-reigning monarch.

Order of Service Prayers and reading gave air of dignified calm

The service of the reception of the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminister Hall used the same prayer said on the death of the Queen Mother back in 2002.

"O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind," the prayer began, "grant us, with thy servant Queen Elizabeth, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection."

It is the nearest that the Church of

England gets to praying formally for the dead.

The prayer is in the form of a collect that can be used in the service of Holy Communion. It has been recited in the days since the death of Queen Elizabeth among prayers sent out by the Church of England.

The prayer is in a more traditional form of language, like the psalm that preceded it in the service (number 139), which follows the wording of the Book of Common

Prayer, 1662.

Similarly the reading, from the Gospel according to St John, was taken from the traditional 1611 Authorised Version of the Bible.

The Lord's Prayer ("Our Father") was in a form familiar to the widest spectrum of British people. It did not use more archaic forms such as "which art in heaven" or "in earth", as used at the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The motet, "Jesu, the very

thought of thee / With sweetness fills my breast; / But sweeter far thy face to see, / And in thy presence rest", was sung to a setting composed by Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946), whose music was chosen as part of the Diamond Jubilee service of thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth in 2012.

The words of the motet are attributed to the great medieval monastic reformer St Bernard, and the translation was made by

Edward Caswall.

Caswall's translation was published in 1853, six years after he became a Catholic and went to live (in 1850) at the Oratory in Birmingham, the community founded by John Henry Newman (who was declared a saint in 2019).

The order of service at Westminister Hall gave the short introduction to the lying-in-state an air that was spare, dignified and calm.

Christopher House

‘Seeing the coffin... today it really hit home’

The moving procession to Westminster Hall was a perfectly paced display of pageantry and ceremony

Judith Woods



Beneath vaulting blue skies they gathered to bear witness. From every corner of her kingdom, her Commonwealth and beyond they travelled to pay their respects.

Outside Buckingham Palace, along the Mall, across Horse Guards Parade and all the way to Westminster Hall they assembled to watch their beloved sovereign take her final leave of them.

After a night of rain, the mood was subdued, but the sun broke through in perfect time for the Scots Guards and the Grenadier Guards to strike up a funeral march.

And as they stepped out through the gates, a gasp rippled through the crowd as they caught sight of the coffin, borne not in a gilded coach but mounted on a gun carriage, drawn by seven gleaming black horses. Open to the air so that her subjects might see.

Her casket was carved from oak and draped in the Royal Standard. On top, the dizzyingly bejewelled Imperial State Crown – and in vivid contrast, a plain white wreath of roses, dahlias and foliage from the royal estates in Balmoral and Windsor.

The stark simplicity of that image – seared forever on our retinas, indelibly imprinted in our memories – had a visceral impact.

So profound was the ensuing silence that onlookers could hear the measured clatter of hooves and the jangle of spurs as the Household Cavalry marched past on foot. No one spoke. Even after the procession had passed by there was barely a murmur.

As the sonorous tones of Big Ben rang out, joined by artillery fire from Hyde Park every minute, the utterly transfixing magic of monarchy was everywhere in evidence. The rhythmic sound of it, the dazzling sight of it, the emotional heft of it.

“I feel so moved I can barely put it into words,” said Judith Kay, 71, from Teddington, Middx. “My middle name is Elizabeth in honour of Her Majesty, so I’ve always been a monarchist. What a wonderful thing it is to be here today. We do this sort of pageantry and ceremony so well in our country.”

On Tuesday, the Princess Royal said it had been “an honour and a privilege” to accompany her mother on her final journeys. Those sentiments were echoed by the throng who felt they had to be present for the procession.

Chris Leinert, 45, had arrived at Heathrow on a last-minute flight from his native Berlin. “I wanted to show respect. I [have known] about her since I was four years old and I watched Trooping the Colour every year with my grandparents,” he said.

For his part, the Reverend David Thomas, 73, from Richmond, spoke warmly of the Queen’s position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England. “I was ordained in her reign and I saw her as the best exponent of the Christian faith in this country,” he said. “Her example, humility and her words – particularly for the Christmas Day speech – were always important. When there was so much negativity about Prince Andrew, she still took him close to her heart and showed forgiveness. That was a really fine example of her Christian faith, as was her work regarding Ireland. When she shook hands with Martin McGuinness, it felt that part of the Troubles were over.”

The Queen’s coffin had been flown from Scotland the previous evening and spent the night not in the grand surroundings of the Buckingham Palace ballroom but in the less formal Bow Room, which overlooks the grounds of the palace where she held so many garden parties and met so many of her subjects.

It was in this intimate setting that members of her family and staff said their last goodbyes before yesterday’s procession. And as the gun carriage passed by the Carrara marble Queen Victoria Memorial, with its statues so appositely representing courage, constancy, victory, charity, truth and motherhood, it signalled a transition in the ritual of mourning.

Elizabeth II’s private role of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was gently left behind and the focus returned to her public role as Head of State, Head of the Church, Head of a Nation grieving their loss.

Following the coffin was King Charles III, wearing full ceremonial uniform of Marshal of the RAF. He was accompanied by his siblings: Anne, the Princess Royal, Princes Andrew and Edward, as well as his sons, Prince William, dressed in his Royal Air Force uniform, and Prince Harry in a morning suit.

This was altogether different in scale and scope from the intimate 15-minute procession held in Edinburgh from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles’ Cathedral, when the coffin was slowly driven by car up the Royal Mile, an ancient narrow thoroughfare, and at

times seemed close enough to touch. Here in the grand heart of ceremonial London, Union flags flew the length of the Mall as some 500 service personnel accompanied the Queen.

Social worker Sarah Murray, from North London, said: “It felt like we’ve lost something very special and that she’s actually gone... today really made it hit home. Seeing the coffin and the crown on the top, it just felt empty.”

She praised the Royal family for acknowledging the bereavement felt by ordinary people and allowing them to join in the mourning process. She also highlighted her sense of pride.

“I’m glad I lived in a reign of a Queen because they are very few and far in between. It’s a huge loss, especially as a woman. She’s been a strong woman who has stayed constant and who has been reliable.”

All along the route the people of Britain sought – in some small way – to repay the service they had received from their dutiful Queen during her 70-year reign.

Debbie McGee and her husband, who travelled from Hertfordshire at the crack of dawn, had been waiting at RAF Northolt last night for the Queen’s arrival back to London, so this was their second opportunity to say farewell.

“She’s all I’ve ever known, so it’s a very special moment. It was really lovely to be a part of this, it was just amazing, we’ve never seen anything like it,” she said. Ms McGee was moved to see the rest of the Royal family walk behind the late monarch’s coffin.

“It was a moment for them to mourn personally, so they were probably caught up in the own grief. But I think as a family they have represented the Queen very well,” she said.

After making its way up the Mall, the procession rounded the bend, coming onto Horse Guards Road and past the Admiralty Citadel before travelling on to Westminster as the minute guns were fired by the King’s Troop Royal Horse Artillery and Big Ben sounded from the Elizabeth Tower.

“It’s one day of our lives, to stand here,” said Allyson Weightman, 50, from Nottingham. “She gave us her whole life.”

The melancholy music brought onlookers to tears. The powerful beat of a drum set the pace; still the steadfast crowd made no noise. The single red roses many had brought to throw on the route remained in their hands.

Then, as the King and his three siblings marched by, followed by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex, a sudden cry went up: “God save the Queen!” And another: “God save the King!” Finally: “God bless the Royal family!”

“It was surreal,” said Pat Stringer, 66, a retired nurse from London. “I think the fact that everyone was silent says it all really. It was just so respectful.”

Ms Stringer felt compelled to make her way to the procession route, partly because she realised that in the swirl of the past few days, the late Queen’s death almost hadn’t felt real. It was important to come, she said, to try to make sense of it, to make it “more real”.

As the procession reached Whitehall, tentative applause began to ripple through the crowd. The cortège moved out of sight. People embraced and wiped their eyes; awe-struck and moved by the unique event they had not just seen but shared.

Hong-Kong born Angela Lee, 60, from Darwen, Lancs, had taken three days off work to see the procession and then join the end of the queue to see the Queen lying in state.

“Oh God, she meant so much. I’ve grown up with her!” she said. “It’s a sad loss. She was our great Queen – she was just a perfect human being.”

Angela Rutter, 53, from Peterborough, said: “All my life she’s been everywhere – from Brownies and guides when we swore allegiance to her to the stamps and everything.”

Ex-military man Rob Selby, 67, added: “I’ve come to pay my last respects to the most wonderful woman in the world.”

As the coffin was brought into Westminster Hall, the crowd dissolved away with contented smiles. Death comes to us all, commoner and Queen, however blessed and glorious. But there is reassurance to be had in ritual, especially when executed with such precision and grace. There is also solace to be had in recalling that a few months ago the Mall was packed with well-wishers who had come out to mark her Platinum Jubilee and enjoy the festivities.

Back in June, Her Majesty was visibly frail but her smiles of delight at the extraordinary scenes of loyalty and love lit up the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

And so as she lies in state and her subjects file past, night and day, honouring her in death, we can be comforted that our late, great Queen was in no doubt about just how much she meant to us in life.

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The King, the Princess Royal and the Prince of Wales salute Queen Elizabeth's coffin, above. The Dukes of Sussex and York, who were not in military uniform, bowed instead. Left, the Princess of Wales being driven to the service in Westminster Hall. She wore a brooch given to her by the late Queen and a pair of earrings that once belonged to Diana, Princess of Wales. Right, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex walk behind the coffin into the hall



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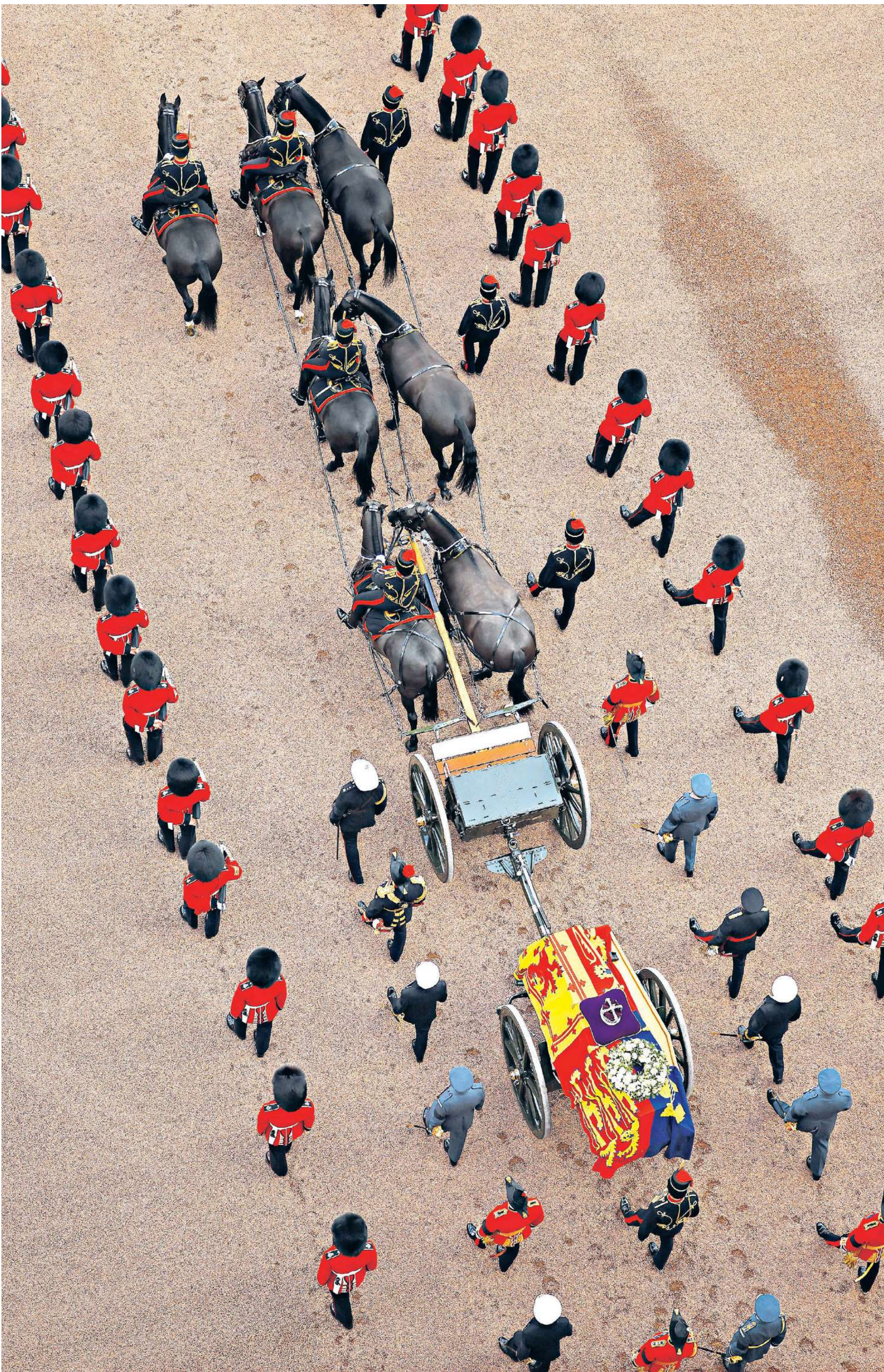
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Queen Elizabeth II 1926–2022



Queen Elizabeth II's coffin, draped with a Royal Standard, was pulled on a gun carriage of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall yesterday. The late Queen will lie in state until early morning on Monday, the day of her funeral



Brothers walk a path all too familiar with a solidarity we hope might last

Bryony Gordon



William and Harry honoured their grandmother almost 25 years to the day since the trauma of Diana's funeral

It was a show of unity so poignant, it was at times almost unbearable to watch. Two brothers, walking side by side for their grandmother, putting behind them their differences... but most significantly, the trauma they experienced when, almost 25 years ago to the day, they were made to walk behind their mother's coffin along almost this exact same route.

Yesterday was about the late Queen, of course. The King's Guard put in a stellar turn bidding farewell to their old boss as she left Buckingham Palace for the final time, and the Imperial State Crown resting on her coffin glittered magnificently in the unexpectedly warm September sunshine.

But nobody lining the mile-long route of the procession could fail to be reminded of that similarly bright day in 1997, when two boys barely out of short trousers found themselves marching down the Mall, behind the coffin of their young mother, in front of the entire world.

A lot has happened since then. There have been births, deaths, marriages, interviews with Oprah

Winfrey. There has been Eton, Afghanistan, Anglesey, Norfolk... and nobody can ever forget the Boujis years, when the two brothers often seemed attached at the hip as they parted their way through their early twenties.

Most recently, since March of 2020, they have been separated by an ocean and a continent. But the universe works in mysterious ways.

Last week, it aligned so that the two brothers found themselves just 900 yards from each other, in their separate cottages at Windsor, as the news began to emerge about the deterioration in the health of their grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II.

Barely a week has passed since the late Queen Elizabeth's death and yet already the media – both mainstream and social – have been alight with rumours and supposition about the figurative distance between the royal siblings.

Yesterday, as they walked out from the Buckingham Palace quadrangle and into the clear view of the whole world, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex came together to close the gap.

The brothers had begun to narrow it on Saturday, when the crowds at Windsor were delighted by their joint walkabout with their wives, the reunion of the “fab four” that everyone has been waiting for since those dazzling days of their Heads Together mental health campaign back in 2018. But if Saturday's reunion had a touch of royal glamour to it, yesterday's came tinged with the unbearable sadness of that long and dark walk from their childhood.

It is, of course, impossible to say how significant the positioning of the brothers was – next to each other, without their cousin Peter Phillips between them, as had been the case at



The brothers and their wives at Westminster Hall yesterday, top. Above, the procession for their mother in 1997

the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh in April last year. It could have been an arbitrary, last-minute decision as the three got into line in the Buckingham Palace quadrangle.

And yet in the context of all that has come before, it seemed a moving show

of strength, solidarity and service. Their faces were solemn and steely, no trace of emotion.

The Prince of Wales was in military uniform, the Duke of Sussex, morning suit. If there was any rancour about this, which came despite Harry's decade of service including two tours of Afghanistan, it was left behind before arrival at Buckingham Palace.

For the two brothers, it has been important that they put on a show of unity during this period of mourning. For the first time in what feels like years, their goal has been the same: to honour the memory of their beloved grandmother. It was never in doubt they would be anything but respectful to each other. But everyone watching hoped these shows of solidarity might be a sign of things to come.

For theirs is a relationship forged partly in unimaginable tragedy, and it is almost impossible for us to comprehend the full scale of their grief after the sudden death of their mother

'Everyone was there for the Queen, but only William and Harry could be there for each other'

in 1997. They have, over the years, tried to put it into words. Prince Harry has admitted that for almost two decades, he “shut down all emotions”. In 2017, he told me he spent years having a “flight or fight” reaction at public engagements, without understanding why. He was, in essence, having panic attacks, that he only began to unravel in his thirties. “I, through a lot of my twenties, was a problem and I didn't know how to deal with it,” he told me on my podcast, Mad World.

“I can safely say losing my mum at the age of 12, and therefore shutting down all of my emotions for the last 20 years, has had a quite serious effect on not only my personal life but my work as well. I have probably been very close to a complete breakdown on numerous occasions when all sorts of grief and sort of lies and misconceptions and everything are coming to you from every angle.

“During those years I took up boxing, because everyone was saying boxing is good for you and it's a really good way of letting out aggression. And that really saved me because I was on the verge of punching someone, so being able to punch someone who had pads was certainly easier.”

His brother was one of the people who encouraged him to seek help. “He was a huge huge support to me. He kept saying this is not right, this is not normal, you need to talk to [someone] about stuff, it's OK.”

Yesterday, once more, they walked slowly and in step with one another down the Mall. They followed the gun carriage into Horse Guards Road, and up through the arch into Whitehall, crowds that had been silent for an hour erupting into applause as they disappeared into the distance.

Everyone was there for the Queen. But only William and Harry could be there for each other.

Shelved Release date for the Duke of Sussex's controversial memoir is pushed back

The Duke of Sussex's memoir is expected to be delayed until next year, sources have confirmed.

Ever since it was announced last summer, the book has cast a shadow over the Royal family amid fears it will be used to settle scores.

It was originally scheduled for release in “late

2022” and was expected around Thanksgiving in the US, in time for the Christmas market.

But the death of Queen Elizabeth II has thrown publication and publicity plans for its release into turmoil.

The King announced on Friday that the Royal family would remain in mourning until

seven days after the late Queen's funeral on Monday.

Protocol dictates official duties are then gradually phased in, with military and charity engagements likely to be given priority and personal projects coming later.

A source close to the Sussexes indicated the book would not

now come out as planned as the couple respect a mourning period likely to last well beyond the official 10 days.

Archetypes, the Duchess's Spotify podcast, is said to have been put on hold for up to six weeks as a mark of respect.

There are no plans to pull the book but it will probably have to be updated

throughout to reflect the impact of Queen Elizabeth's death.

The Duke and his ghostwriter, US author JR Moehringer, will have time to write additional chapters about his grandmother's death, ensuring it does not appear out of date.

No members of the Royal family, their aides or lawyers have had

sight of the book in any form. Neither have they been informed when it is due to be published.

Such is the bad blood between the Duke of Sussex and the Prince of Wales that the former did not even tell his brother he was coming to the UK this month for a series of charity engagements.

Victoria Ward



Victoria and George Cross winners to join 500 world leaders and foreign royalty

All living recipients of UK's highest honours invited to attend alongside hundreds of overseas dignitaries

By Ben Riley-Smith, Nick Gutteridge and Christopher Hope

EVERY living recipient of the Victoria Cross and George Cross has been invited to attend Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on Monday.

The *Daily Telegraph* understands that 17 of the 23 living recipients will be in attendance, some flying halfway around the world to be there.

They will take their seats among more than 500 dignitaries, including scores of overseas political leaders and members of foreign royal families.

The Victoria Cross is the highest British decoration for military valour. The George Cross is the highest civilian gallantry award.

Four Australian recipients of the Victoria Cross have been invited: Ben Roberts-Smith, Keith Payne, Mark Donaldson and Daniel Keighran. All

four are expected to attend. Mr Roberts-Smith told the *West Australian* newspaper: "I have a very deep respect for Her Majesty and everything that she has sacrificed in her life and what she has achieved."

"She has been a magnificent monarch, she has been a stoic leader, and importantly she was also a lovely lady."

Collective George Cross awards can also be made. The NHS, Malta for its Second World War effort, and the Royal Ulster Constabulary have all received the honour in the past.

Recipients from all three will take part in a procession of patronages from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch at the end of the funeral.

Lord Ashcroft, who owns the world's largest collection of VCs, more than 200 medal groups, said: "It is a lovely gesture to invite all the living recipients of the VC and GC ... these individuals are 'the bravest of the brave' and it is entirely appropriate that they are honoured in this special way."

Meanwhile, there were calls yesterday for the procession route to be lengthened so hundreds of thousands more people can pay their respects.

Senior Tories have backed requests to extend the late Queen's last journey to her final resting place in Windsor to accommodate larger crowds.

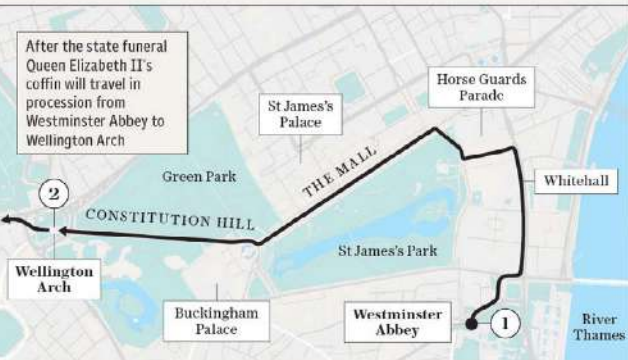
Their remarks came amid warnings that more than 350,000 mourners will miss out on the opportunity to visit the lying in state at Parliament.

David Jones, a senior Tory MP and former Cabinet minister, said: "What's very clear from the past few days is the enormous affection that people have for the Queen and the fact that so many people are going to be missing her now that she's gone."

"So I think that anything that gives as many people as possible the opportunity to pay their respects is a good idea."

The funeral procession

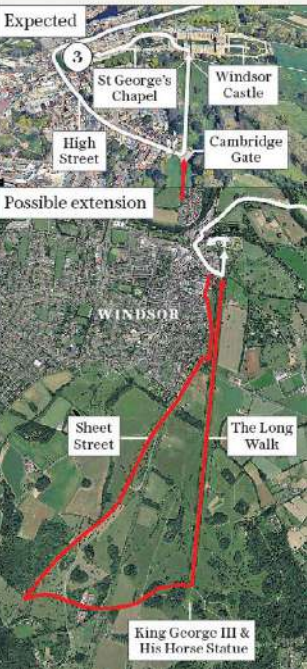
FROM WESTMINSTER ABBEY TO WELLINGTON ARCH



FROM WELLINGTON ARCH TO WINDSOR



ROUTE IN WINDSOR



place in the early hours of this morning. Usually the department handles one or two state visits a year, but this weekend's gathering is akin to organising hundreds at the same time.

The approach to invitations is being dictated by tight protocol. Most countries have received an invitation for their head of state and one guest.

It is up to the country in question to decide whether to attend and if so, who the guest should be. Some world leaders will bring partners; others may choose fellow politicians.

Expected attendees include Joe Biden, the US president; Emmanuel Macron, the French president; Michael Higgins, the Irish president; Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister; Anthony Albanese, the Australian prime minister; and Jacinda Ardern, the New Zealand prime minister.

There will be overseas royalty as well. Among those expected are King Philippe and Queen Mathilde of Belgium; King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain; and Juan Carlos I, the former King of Spain, and his wife Sofia.

Xi Jinping, the Chinese president, has been invited but is not expected to attend. He made his first overseas trip since the pandemic only last week, visiting Kazakhstan. It is also unclear if Mohammed bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, will attend. The country's head of state, King Salman, has received the invitation.

Invites have been given a deadline of today to respond, meaning the full list of attendees may not become clear until tomorrow or the weekend.

On Tuesday, it emerged that the leaders of Russia, Belarus and Myanmar would not be invited, meaning Vladimir Putin cannot attend. Yesterday it was revealed that the leaders of Syria, Venezuela and Afghanistan would also not be invited. North Korea and Nicaragua are also only being offered the chance to send an ambassador.

All living Victoria Cross and George Cross recipients have been invited to the funeral. Seventeen are attending. Two have asked not to be named. The other 15 are: Willie Apiata VC, Keith Payne VC, AM DSC, Mark Donaldson VC.

Ben Roberts-Smith VC, Dan Keighran VC, Johnson Beharry VC, Michael Pratt GC, Jim Beaton GC, CVO, Sam Shephard GC, Peter Norton GC, Tony Gledhill GC, Kim Hughes GC, Matt Croucher GC, Dom Troulan GC, Chris Finney GC.



The Queen's cortège leaves Buckingham Palace en route to Westminster Hall, left, followed by the King and members of the Royal family; on her coffin sat the Imperial State Crown, above

Guest list Who's in and who's out

Joe Biden and Jill Biden , President and First Lady of the United States Emmanuel Macron , French president Recep Tayyip Erdogan , Turkish president Michael D Higgins , Irish president Micheal Martin , Taoiseach of Ireland Michelle O'Neill , Sinn Féin president Jacinda Ardern , New Zealand PM Anthony Albanese , Australian PM Justin Trudeau , Canadian PM Charles Michel , president of the European Council Frank-Walter Steinmeier , German president Sergio Mattarella , president of Italy Andrzej Duda , Polish president Gitanas Nausėda , president of Lithuania Alexander Van der Bellen , Austrian president Ursula von der Leyen , president of EU Commission Jair Bolsonaro , president of Brazil Mohammad Shtayyeh , Palestinian PM Cyril Ramaphosa , president of South Africa Ranil Wickremesinghe , president of Sri Lanka Isaac Herzog , president of Israel	Yoon Suk-yeol , president of South Korea Egils Levits , Latvian president Paula-Mae Weekes , president of Trinidad and Tobago Sauli Niinistö , Finnish president Katalin Novák , president of Hungary Andrew Holness , Jamaican PM Floya Tzalam , Governor General of Belize Susan Dougan , Governor General of St Vincent and the Grenadines Sheikh Hasina , Bangladesh's PM Marcelo Ebrard , foreign minister of Mexico Droupadi Murmu , Indian president Nicos Anastasiades , Cypriot president Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa , president of Portugal Narayan Khadka , foreign minister of Nepal King Philip and Queen Mathilde of Belgium King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain Juan Carlos I , ex king of Spain, and his wife Sofia Queen Margrethe II , Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden King Willem-	Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands Princess Beatrix , ex-Dutch Queen Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene of Monaco Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan ♦ Not attending Vladimir Putin , Russian president Alexander Lukashenko , president of Belarus Myint Swe , president of Myanmar Bashar al-Assad , president of Syria Nicolás Maduro , president of Venezuela Hasan Akhund , Afghan PM Kim Jong-un , leader of N Korea Ebrahim Raisi , president of Iran Donald Trump , ex-US president Daniel Ortega , president of Nicaragua ♦ Not yet declared Xi Jinping , president of China Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud , Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Alberto Fernandez , president of Argentina Barham Salih , Iraqi president Arif Alvi , president of Pakistan Katerina Sakellaropoulou , Greek president William Ruto , Kenyan president
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Queue to mourn could span 10 miles

By **Camilla Turner**
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MOURNERS hoping to see the late monarch's coffin lying in state in Westminster Hall were directed to California and then Yorkshire by the Government's official online queue tracker, it emerged yesterday.

Those wishing to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II faced a 10-mile wait through central London, with the queue swelling in number from a handful of people in the morning to tens of thousands in a matter of hours.

Ministers have drawn up contingency plans that will involve turning away the public from Southwark Park, the end point of the organised route, to prevent infrastructure from becoming overwhelmed.

Last night, civil servants at the Department for Culture, Media and

Sport (DCMS) acknowledged that human error was to blame for their live queue tracker promoting inaccurate locations.

The system, promoted heavily through all the DCMS social media accounts, relied on a third-party website called What3words.com, which uses geographical co-ordinates to pinpoint a location correct to three square metres. Mourners were given a three-word code by DCMS which they had to copy and paste into the website, and were told that this would show them the precise location of the end of the queue.

The code is updated every few minutes, to reflect the new end point of the queue – but of the first five codes published, four led to the wrong place entirely.

The initial code given by DCMS showed a location in California, followed by one in Uxbridge. Two other



Mourners file past at Westminster Hall, above; the queue at Albert Embankment, top

codes were also inaccurate, one leading to Drighlington, a village in West Yorkshire, and the next to North Carolina.

Officials at DCMS said the faults were down to human error as civil servants

typed out the codes. After realising that this approach led to spelling mistakes, they moved to a new method whereby the codes were automatically filled in.

Government officials involved in planning the event said they had consulted behavioural psychologists to try to forecast people's movements.

However, civil servants admitted they had no firm estimate for the number of people who would be queuing, saying it was impossible to predict.

Senior Whitehall officials insisted that they were actively encouraging people to pay their respects but wanted them to be fully aware of what to expect upon arrival.

The route of the queue, which could stretch out over 10 miles, finishes at Victoria Tower Gardens where "airport-style" security checks are carried out.

The first 6.9 miles of the line take in London Bridge, Southwark and Water-

Inaccurate location codes showed the end of the queue to be in a village in West Yorkshire or in North Carolina

loo before finishing at Westminster. The final stage is at Southwark Park, where there is infrastructure for a further three miles of zig-zag queues if needed.

If the 10-mile line reaches capacity, entry will be temporarily paused to prevent the queue infrastructure from becoming overwhelmed.

This means anyone who turns up at Southwark Park would be turned away and possibly told they could return later when there was more space.

The other circumstance in which people could be turned away is before 6.30am on Monday, to make sure that everyone queuing gets to see the late Queen's coffin before the state funeral begins.

Estimated waiting times will be displayed on large screens, visible to those in the queue, and will also be promoted on DCMS social media channels.

Meghan joins 'hierarchy' in her jewellery as Sussexes pay tribute

Camilla Tominey
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



Reunited with the Royal family publicly for the first time since she suggested her mere existence had "upset the hierarchy", the Duchess of Sussex paid tribute to Elizabeth II by wearing jewellery given to her by the late Queen.

Meghan, 41, wore the elegant pearl and diamond drop earrings that had been given to her by her husband's late grandmother during their first joint solo engagement in June 2018, a month after she married the Duke of Sussex.

The Queen and the Duchess had travelled on the royal train to Cheshire, met with community leaders and saw a performance by schoolchildren.

A lot has happened since then, and yesterday's participation in the royal procession that followed the late Queen's casket into Westminster Hall is the first time the Sussexes have taken such a prominent role in a major royal event since they stepped down from public duties in January 2020.

Although they attended the Platinum Jubilee thanksgiving service for the Queen at St Paul's Cathedral in June, as "non-working" members of the family, they were not invited to take part in the royal procession.

While Harry, 37, joined his brother, the Prince of Wales, to follow the casket on foot from Buckingham

Palace, Meghan, 41, travelled by car with the Countess of Wessex. Her sister-in-law the Princess of Wales travelled with the Queen Consort, who was wearing her own poignant piece of jewellery – a distinctive stick insect shaped silver brooch that she has worn to memorial services before. Like Meghan, the Princess of Wales wore jewellery associated with the late Queen – a diamond and pearl leaf brooch given to her by the late monarch following her 2011 marriage to Prince William. She also wore a pair of pearl drop earrings that belonged to Diana, Princess of Wales.

There was little show of emotion from Harry and Meghan until they left Westminster Hall at the end of the deeply poignant service, holding hands in a break from protocol.

Much has been made of the rift between the royal brothers and their wives – although a truce seemed to have been called after the Prince of Wales invited the Sussexes to join him and Princess Kate on a walkabout in Windsor on Saturday afternoon. The quartet, once known as the "Fab Four", spent 40 minutes inspecting the floral tributes and meeting well-wishers in a move some have interpreted as paving the road to reconciliation.

It came after Meghan gave a 6,500-word interview to *The Cut* magazine last month in which she said that "just by existing" she and Harry "were upsetting the dynamic of the hierarchy" and suggested her husband had "lost" his father in the process of

them leaving, nicknamed "Megxit". She also spoke of her relief at being "able to tell [my] own story" before issuing what some interpreted as a message to the family, saying she is free to "say anything" and it is taking "a lot of effort" to forgive them and her estranged family.

Yet bar a deleted tweet by their self-styled unofficial spokesman, the couple appear to be keeping a low profile while in the UK. On Tuesday, Omid Scobie, who wrote the hagiography *Finding Freedom*, removed a photograph he had posted on the social media site "captured before the Queen's coffin was received at the Grand Entrance" of Buckingham Palace giving a "glimpse" of "King Charles, Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex". It was taken down following accusations of mawkish puffery on behalf of the couple.

In the face of more criticism that they are "cashing in" on their royal status, the Sussexes are understood to have delayed publication of Harry's memoirs until next year. Meghan has put her *Archetypes* podcast on hold and cancelled a planned appearance on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, a prime-time US chat show.

Earlier this week, Oprah Winfrey was criticised for saying she hopes "burying the dead" will help the couple finally make "peace" with the Royal family – with many pointing out that their explosive interview with the chat show host 18 months ago was the catalyst for the family's falling out.

Ancient symbolism lies at the heart of our royal lying in state tradition

Daniel Capurro



The procession to the lying in state yesterday was another moment laced heavily with symbolism that placed it within England and Scotland's ancient traditions.

It is, though, an event that has evolved through the centuries. Sometimes because of the personal whims of monarchs, at others in reaction to unfortunate mishaps.

From the very act of lying in state to the accompanying physical symbols, every element carries with it some facet of history.

Coffin

The late Queen's coffin was fashioned nearly four decades ago. It is lead-lined and therefore immensely heavy.

It has special fittings that allow the Imperial State Crown, orb and sceptre from the Crown Jewels to be clipped in place. The crown rested on the coffin throughout the procession and was joined by the orb and sceptre once the coffin was in Westminster Hall.

In 1936, during the procession of King George V to his lying in state, the cross atop the Imperial Crown fell off and landed in the gutter, which Edward VIII interpreted as a bad omen.

Lying in state

Edward VII, Queen Victoria's son, was the first British monarch to lie in state in Westminster Hall after his death in 1910. The move, which was decided by his son George V, was inspired by the same honour granted to William Gladstone, the prime minister in 1898.

The act itself is a centuries-old European tradition, although mass public participation is a more modern development. Members of the ancient Roman elite might lie in state for a few days.

During the high medieval period, it was often done with a wax effigy of the

Lying in state is a centuries-old European tradition, but mass public participation is a more modern development

dead monarch, either in front of the coffin or on the top of it. This changed in England after the death of James I in 1625, likely because using an effigy was associated with idolatry and Catholicism at a time of rising Protestantism.

When Elizabeth I died in 1603 she lay in Richmond and then in Westminster.

According to Lady Elizabeth Southwell, a lady-in-waiting, she ordered that her body not be embalmed. It eventually "burst with such a crack that it split the wood, lead, and cere-cloth; whereupon, the

next day she was fain to be new trimmed up".

Queen Victoria, who planned her own funeral, opted against a public lying in state, but her coffin spent two days at the Albert Memorial Chapel in Windsor before her funeral and later interment on the Isle of Wight.

The vigil and Silver Stick-in-Waiting

Throughout the lying in state, there will be four members of the Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms standing at the four corners of the Queen's coffin, occasionally assisted by the King's Body Guard for Scotland (The Royal Company of Archers), The King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, Beefeaters from the Tower of London, and units of the Household Division.

The first vigil will be led by the Silver Stick-in-Waiting, a colonel who is Commander of the Household Cavalry and is in charge of all ceremonial duties. The current Silver Stick-in-Waiting is Colonel Mark Berry, who took up the role in July.

The role is deputy to the Gold Stick-in-Waiting (currently the Princess Royal in her role as Colonel of the Blues and Royals).

The name comes from the gold- and silver-topped ebony staffs of office that the office holders wield. While its origins stem from Tudor times, the post was created in its current form in 1678. The original holders of the roles would have personally guarded the monarch throughout the day.



We were strangers, but bound together by a beloved monarch

Jack Rear



We'd been waiting in line for about seven hours before there was even a hint of movement in the queue. At about 4pm a cry went up from a steward: "We're moving!" We all looked at each other, unsure if it was really happening, having grown used to this stretch of pavement where we'd been waiting since 9am.

There were whoops of joy as we crossed Westminster Bridge. There was excitement; a nervous energy; no one quite sure what to expect when we got there.

There were fears the queue to see the lying in state would be a 30-hour waking nightmare, people trudging ceaselessly forward through the night from London Bridge, 2.5 miles down the South Bank, to the Palace of Westminster. Yet, the thing I'll remember is the raucous camaraderie.

It struck me that we were people who'd never have crossed paths otherwise, and suddenly we were getting along like a house on fire. We compared notes on what snacks we'd brought, shared stories about times we'd crossed paths with various royals, engaged in the Chinese whispers going up and down about exactly how long we'd be there for.

Having heard the worst-case scenarios, I felt some trepidation as I got off at London Bridge station this morning and made my way to the South Bank. Yet the queue itself was nowhere to be found. I passed the Globe, the Tate Modern, the British Film Institute, Royal Festival Hall, the London Eye and Shrek's Adventure and couldn't spot it.

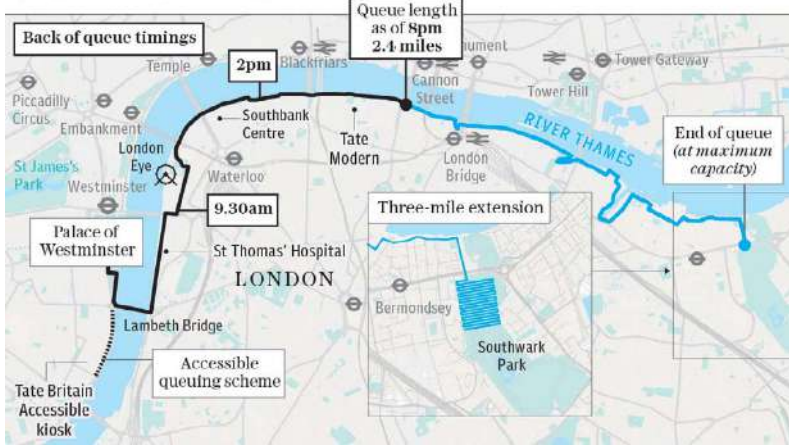
As I climbed up the steps to Westminster Bridge, I approached a knot of stewards who were directing a woman. "That way, down there," a man told her gruffly. I followed her and we joined the queue together.

"I'm glad they told us. I thought I'd never find it," she said, introducing herself as Haley Rowell, a former civil servant who got up at 5am to get a train from her native Peterborough.

Preparing for the British weather, we'd both thought long and hard about our outfits. For my part, I wore waterproof hiking boots, jeans, a long-sleeved T-shirt as a base layer,

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Lying in state queue length



Queuing by numbers

1,000
Police, stewards, volunteers and marshals at any one time

600
St John Ambulance volunteers

140
Red Cross volunteers

500
Lavatories along the route

30
Multi-faith pastors co-ordinated by Lambeth Palace

and a mournfully black T-shirt over it, as well as my puffy black raincoat. As the morning sun rose higher, it did start to feel slightly excessive.

Haley and I were joined in the queue by Rachel and her nine-year-old daughter Emily, who'd come from Guildford. "I have wanted to come for a very long time and I wanted to come with Emily," Rachel told me.

None of my queue-mates were traditional royalists, though all felt a shared respect for the late Queen.

"My respect is for the Queen and her personal example," Rachel said. "She made vows on her 26th birthday and kept them for 70 years. She set an example of leadership as a service."

There were a number of chancers who'd arrived late and attempted to barge in at the front of the queue.

"Would you mind if I just hopped in front of you," asked an awfully proper woman, awfully politely.

"Yes, actually. We've been here for four hours already. We're not just going to let you go in ahead of us. It wouldn't be British," we informed her.

Behind us, a scuffle broke out involving a very swearsy chap who claimed to have been in the queue "since five o'clock" (spuriously, I might add), and a woman called a pair of police officers to move him along.

It was all quite lovely, though. As the procession moved down The Mall, strangers clustered around each other's phones to live-stream it. "It's

our nation's history, happening right in front of us," I heard a mother telling her small daughter, wiping a tear from her eyes.

Crossing over Lambeth Bridge and heading into the grounds of the Palace of Westminster, it did begin to feel curiously like we were queuing for a ride at Disneyland as we trooped through the ropes, emptying our bags into trays through the security system.

And then phones off, buttons done up, into Westminster Hall.

The thing I can't quite shake was the stillness. A steward's ticker gently clicked as we passed through the great oak doors, and there was an almost inaudible rattle of the ceremonial armour of the guard standing watch. But it was cool, and still.

The coffin itself, draped in the Royal Standard with crown, sceptre and orb on top, looked almost incongruously colourful. The image of it seemed to draw all the colour out of everything else. As I looked around in the hall it seemed as though all had changed into black mourning garb. We passed the coffin and a few curtsied or bowed, but after passing it, none looked back to catch one final glimpse of it.

As the evening sun hit us, I turned to see Haley softly weeping beside me.

"I held it together," she said apologetically, dabbing her eyes.

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of funeral

Respect mourners and allow them to pay tribute in peace, Starmer tells protesters

'We appreciate people wanting to pay their respects... but none of this is at the request of the Palace'

decision to ask guests to leave for the day on Monday after public backlash.

The government guidance, issued last week, states: "Some businesses may wish to consider closing or postponing events, especially on the day of the state funeral, however, this is at the discretion of individual businesses."

It adds: "The bank holiday will be a unique national moment, and we would encourage employers to respond sensitively to requests from workers who wish to take time off."

The bank holiday was intended to mark the final day of national mourning for the death of Queen Elizabeth, allowing children and workers to take the time to watch her funeral and commemorate her memory.

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By Jack Maidment

SIR KEIR STARMER has told protesters not to "ruin" the national mourning period, and urged them to "respect" people who want to show their appreciation for Queen Elizabeth II.

The leader of the Labour Party said thousands of people would be making a "huge effort to come and have that private moment to say thank you" and that protesters should remember that.

His comments came after a string of interventions from police to stop demonstrators expressing anti-monarchist views in recent days.

Sir Keir was asked during an interview on the BBC *Breakfast* programme if he had any concerns about the way in which the police have dealt with the protesters. He said: "The word I would

use around that issue is respect. I think if people have spent a long time waiting to come forward to have that moment as the coffin goes past or whatever it may be, I think respect that, because people have made a huge effort to come and have that private moment to say thank you to Queen Elizabeth II.

"Respect that. Obviously we have to respect the fact that some people disagree. One of the great British traditions is the ability to protest and to disagree.

"But I think if it can be done in the spirit of respect. Respect the fact that hundreds of thousands of people do want to come forward and have that moment. Don't ruin it for them.

"But also we do need to respect the fact that other people must be entitled to express their different views."

During a press briefing earlier this

week, Downing Street was quizzed on whether it was appropriate that demonstrators expressing republican views faced arrest.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "I won't be drawn into commenting on individual cases, those are operational matters for the police.

"More broadly obviously this is a period of national mourning for the vast, vast majority of the country but the fundamental right to protest remains.

"It is a keystone of our democracy."

Sir Keir was part of the formal reception committee that was present in Westminster Hall when the late Queen's coffin arrived yesterday afternoon and her lying in state began.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to queue in the coming days

'Respect the fact that hundreds of thousands want to come forward and have that moment'

so that they can enter Westminster Hall to view Queen Elizabeth's coffin and to pay their respects.

Sir Keir said during his television interview that he also intends to pay his respects in a "private capacity" along with his wife and two children.

He said: "Today I will be there as part of the reception committee to receive the coffin. We have got members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, so I will be there as leader of His Majesty's Opposition – we need to get used to these new titles.

"And then later on this evening in a private capacity because my wife and our children, I have got a boy who is 14, a little girl who is 11, they want to come in and as a family we will then pay our own personal respects to a remarkable sovereign."

BBC speculation on independence 'outrageous'

By Simon Johnson
SCOTTISH POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN and the Scottish Secretary are deeply unhappy at the BBC for "politicising" its coverage of Queen Elizabeth II's death in Scotland by introducing unrelated speculation about independence.

The *Daily Telegraph* understands that both the former Labour prime minister and Alister Jack were infuriated by a report on Monday's edition of *BBC News at Ten*.

Allan Little, a special correspondent, alleged that Scotland had grown apart from the rest of the UK and speculated

'The monarchy transcends the Union. The BBC should not introduce the debate into the Queen's death'

it could separate during the new King's reign in a report about the extraordinary events that day in Edinburgh.

Thousands of Scots lined the streets of the city's Royal Mile to pay their respects to the late Queen as her coffin was taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles' Cathedral, followed by her four children.

A similar outpouring of grief and mourning played out on London's streets yesterday, with huge crowds gathering to watch the coffin being transported from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall.

But Allan Little, a veteran BBC journalist who was born in Dumfries and

Galloway, reported on Monday that the new King had returned to a Scotland "diverging from the rest of the UK politically for 40 years, where support for independence is as high as it's ever been". He warned the new King's reign could be defined by the "eventual dissolution of the United Kingdom itself".

It is understood that Mr Brown was extremely unhappy at the claims, which echoed the SNP's political narrative.

Questions were also raised about how the analysis tallied with the images of a nation coming together, both within Scotland and across the UK.

Sources close to Mr Jack said the coverage was "outrageous". They said: "The

monarchy transcends the Union. The Union of the Crowns in 1603 was more than a century before the political union in 1707. The BBC should really not be introducing the independence debate into the Queen's death."

Britain's most eminent psephologist, Sir John Curtice, said Queen Elizabeth's death and the commemorations in London and Scotland were unlikely to move the needle on support for independence.

He said most people who would vote "Yes" would prefer to abolish the monarchy, according to polling, but the issue did not drive support for separation. The BBC did not respond to a request for a comment.

Call for monument to royal couple in Malta

By Nick Squires in Rome

THERE are calls in Malta to erect a statue of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip based on a cryptic photograph of the couple taken when they lived on the Mediterranean island.

The photo was taken when the young couple lived in Villa Guardamangia, a grand limestone mansion in the Maltese capital, Valletta.

In it, Prince Philip stands behind the young Princess Elizabeth with two fingers resting on the bench that she is sitting on.

There has long been speculation that the gesture was a coded sign that the princess was pregnant with their second child, Anne.

A historical association wants a bronze statue to be made of the royal couple, based on the black and white image, and for it to be erected in Hastings Garden, a public park located on top of Valletta's ancient city walls.

"This woman was the Queen of Malta for 10 years – she was the head of state," said Simon Cusens, the founder

of the Malta George Cross Movement, which promotes interest in Malta during the Second World War, when the island was collectively awarded the George Cross for its bravery in resisting a long siege by Axis forces.

"Her father awarded us the George Cross, her reign over Malta saw a boom in the shipyard economy, and she did not simply rule over the country – she lived in it," Mr Cusens told the *Times of Malta*.

"She was a resident of Malta – a period which, she confessed, was one of the most beautiful in her life.

"These are all undeniable historical facts. So yes, of course she deserves a monument. I cannot think of a more illustrious person ... that would deserve a monument more than she does."

He pointed out that there is a statue of Queen Victoria in a central square in Valletta, "and she never lived here".

The couple lived in Malta for several months between 1949 and 1951, when Prince Philip was stationed with the Royal Navy's Mediterranean Fleet.



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News

Met chief to meet ‘livid’ officers over fatal shooting

Dozens threaten to hand in weapons after colleague held responsible is suspended from duty

By **Martin Evans**
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SIR MARK ROWLEY has agreed to meet Met firearms officers after they threatened to hand in their weapons in a row over the shooting of an unarmed black

man in south London, *The Daily Telegraph* understands.
The new Commissioner will have discussions with representatives from the firearms command, who reacted furiously when the officer who fired the shot that killed Chris Kaba in Streatham Hill was suspended on Monday.
But the meeting will not take place until after the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II next week, according to one well-placed Met source.
Scotland Yard said the suspension of the officer, just hours after Sir Mark

took over his job, was in part to address the “significant impact on public confidence” that the incident had caused.
But firearms officers said the move had left them feeling they no longer had the full backing of their bosses.
The Telegraph revealed that dozens of armed officers were threatening to hand in their weapons once their duties relating to the Royal funeral were over.
One officer said: “There is real anger in the ranks about this. This is a decision that has been taken to placate public anger pure and simple. But what

message does this send to the officers who are going out there every day and risking their lives?”
Mr Kaba, 24, died when an officer opened fire following a car chase after his vehicle triggered an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera suggesting it had been involved in a previous armed incident.
Investigators from the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) later confirmed Mr Kaba had not been armed and launched a homicide inquiry.
Initially, the officer who fired the fatal

shot was placed on restricted duties but allowed to carry on serving, angering Mr Kaba’s family and friends.
But after Sir Mark was sworn in as the new Commissioner, it was announced the officer had been suspended.
Members of Mr Kaba’s family said the decision to suspend the officer ought to have been taken sooner and have revealed plans to hold a demonstration this weekend.
Sir Mark will have to balance the concerns of the community with the anger among officers over the force’s handling

of the case. One Met source said: “The new commissioner should not underestimate the strength of feeling among the armed officers over this matter. They are genuinely livid.”
The Telegraph understands Sir Mark has indicated he will be willing to meet the armed command next week.
The Commissioner has also proposed that every officer once again swears their allegiance to the Crown, but this time to the King. He is conducting an internal survey to assess if there is support for the renewal of the oath.

Lawyers’ strike forces judge to bail suspected cocaine dealer

By **Charles Hymas**
HOME AFFAIRS EDITOR

A JUDGE has released a suspected drugs gang leader from jail after his case was delayed by the barristers’ strike as he criticised “chronic” underfunding of the criminal justice system.
Judge Keith Raynor cited the failure of the Government to adequately fund the courts as the reason for his decision to order the release on bail of the man, suspected of running a county-lines drug operation.
The 22-year-old defendant’s trial had to be halted because his barrister was on strike. The man was facing charges of supplying cocaine and cannabis in an alleged drug-dealing operation ranging between London and Leicester.
He was said to be a “prominent” figure in the operation and has been charged under the Modern Slavery Act after allegedly forcing two men to deal drugs for him. He denies the charges.
It is the latest high-profile example of suspects being released by judges because of the barristers’ strike.
It comes days before Brandon Lewis, the Justice Secretary, is due to meet leaders of the Criminal Bar Association to discuss the strike by its 2,400 members over the Government’s offer of a 15 per cent increase in legal aid fees.
Judge Martin Edmunds KC, sitting at Isleworth Crown Court in London, has also ordered the release of three men charged with arson, assaulting an emergency worker and supplying class-A drugs because the courts were “faced with a systemic failure” owing to underinvestment and the lawyers’ action.



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High drama
A hillwalker who fell and broke several bones was rescued from 3,694ft Ben Cruachan in Argyll on Monday. Oban Mountain Rescue Team brought the casualty by stretcher to below cloud level for pick-up by a Coastguard helicopter.

I feared sex scene with man 30 years older, says House of the Dragon actress

By **Rozina Sabur** in Washington

A TEENAGE actress in the *Game of Thrones* prequel series *House of the Dragon* has revealed she felt “incredibly scared” about filming sex scenes with a co-star 30 years her senior.
Emily Carey was 17 when she was

handed the scripts containing sex scenes with Paddy Considine, 47.
The British actress, who plays the nubile young queen Alicent Hightower in *House of the Dragon*, has two intimate scenes with Considine’s King Viserys Targaryen in the fourth episode. One features the queen bathing the king

and submitting to sex out of obligation.
“It scared me, because I still hadn’t met Paddy, I didn’t know how much of a joy he was and how easy he was going to make [the scene],” she told *Newsweek*.
“All I saw was, you know, a 47-year-old man and me. I was a bit concerned.”
But Carey, now 19, said intimacy co-ordinators on set put her at ease and helped her feel “empowered”.
“I remember being so incredibly scared, so nervous,” she told the US cable channel *E!* in a separate interview.

“I talked about my concerns [with the intimacy co-ordinator], and she brought Paddy into the conversation. Immediately, I was just so reassured.”
Not all *Game of Thrones* actors have welcomed the use of intimacy co-ordinators on set. Sean Bean, who played Ned Stark in the first series, recently said they “spoil the spontaneity”.
He told *The Times* that “the natural way lovers behave would be ruined” if you had “somebody saying: ‘Do this, put your hands there, while you touch.’”

NEWS BULLETIN

Gibbon escapes from Paignton Zoo

A gibbon was last night on the loose after escaping from a zoo in Devon. Paignton Zoo evacuated visitors and staff as it launched a desperate hunt for the ape. The zoo had only just opened its doors to the public yesterday following a two-week closure because of an avian flu outbreak.
But just a few hours into the grand reopening, the gibbon had absconded and the zoo issued an “amber alert”.

Heard the one about the robot that cracked up?

Japanese scientists have incorporated a sense of humour and the ability to laugh into a robot.
Researchers at Kyoto University used artificial intelligence to teach them when to chuckle quietly, or let out a loud guffaw. In *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, they said their work with a robot called Erica should make communications with it more natural.

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Daily dose of vitamins may slow decline of the mind

Supplements could give elderly an extra two years of healthy brain function, three-year study shows

By Laura Donnelly
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TAKING a daily multivitamin tablet could keep the brain sharp for an extra two years, research suggests.

The study of more than 2,000 pensioners found that those taking the supplements for three years saw a significant reduction in cognitive decline.

Overall, the US research said the pills appeared to slow the decline by about 60 per cent – equating to 1.8 years. The findings raise hopes that vitamins could stave off dementia.

Cognitive decline can be a precursor or sign of Alzheimer's disease, but this is not always the case. Experts said the results were the first positive, large-scale, long-term study to show that multivitamin-mineral supplementation for older adults may slow cognitive decline.

Until now, evidence about the impact of multivitamins on the brain was limited, with most major trials suggesting they have little impact. It is also hard to fully account for the fact that those taking them may be more likely to have other advantages.

Researchers stressed that more studies are needed before any recommendations are made.

There are currently around 900,000 people with dementia in Britain and the number is projected to rise to 1.6 million people by 2040. Laura Baker, study investigator professor, said: "There's an urgent need for safe and affordable interventions to protect cognition against decline in older adults."

The research was part of a wider trial by Brigham and Women's Hospital involving more than 21,000 men and women across the United States.

Scientists investigated whether taking

a daily cocoa extract supplement or a daily multivitamin-mineral supplement reduces the risk of developing heart disease, stroke, cancer and other health ailments.

Typically, a daily multivitamin will contain vitamins A, C, D, E and K as well as a range of B vitamins and nutrients like calcium, iron, magnesium, and potassium.

More than 2,200 participants, ages 65 and older, enrolled and were followed for three years. They completed tests over the telephone at the beginning and annually to evaluate memory and other cognitive skills. Prof Baker, of Wake Forest University School of Medicine, said: "Our study showed that although cocoa extract did not affect cognition, daily multivitamin-mineral supplementation resulted in statistically significant cognitive improvement. This is the first evidence of cognitive benefit in a large longer-term study of multivitamin supplementation in older adults."

'There's an urgent need for safe and affordable help to protect cognition against decline in older adults'

The research team estimated that three years of multivitamin supplementation roughly translated to a 60 per cent slowing of cognitive decline, equating to around 1.8 years.

They said that the benefits were relatively more pronounced in participants with "significant" cardiovascular disease – which is important because those people are already at increased risk for cognitive impairment and decline.

However, Prof Baker says that further studies are needed to confirm the findings before any health recommendations are made. She said: "It's too early to recommend daily multivitamin supplementation to prevent cognitive decline. Additional research is needed in a larger and more diverse group of people."



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Having a laugh
Fargo's Jessie Buckley, left, shares a joke with *The Crown* actress Claire Foy at the Toronto International Film Festival. The pair feature in *Women Talking*, an adaptation of the 2018 novel of the same name by Canadian writer Miriam Toews. Directed by Sarah Polley, it focuses on the lives of eight women as they discuss the possibility of escaping from an isolated religious community where they have suffered abuse at the hands of men.

Social media anxiety leading to children losing precious sleep

By Sarah Knapton
SCIENCE EDITOR

PRE-TEENS are losing more than a night of sleep a week because a fear of missing out on social media is keeping them awake, researchers have found.

A study of 10- and 11-year-olds, showed that, on average, they were only sleeping 8.7 hours a night when they should be resting for between nine and 11 hours. When questioned about what was keeping them awake, the children said they were worried about missing out on what their friends were posting online and became anxious when they

were disconnected. The study of 60 youngsters from schools around Leicester by De Montfort University found that one in eight logged into sites in the middle of the night.

"It is quite terrifying when you think about the level of engagement that is happening," Dr John Shaw told the British Science Festival in Leicester.

"Primary school children should be getting nine to 11 hours per night. Even if you get just one hour less it's the equivalent of almost one night's sleep lost a week. Sleep has an impact on cognitive and biological development."

London Marathon opens new section for non-binary runners

By Gabriella Swerling
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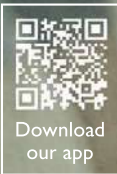
THE London Marathon has introduced a "non-binary" category the first time in a bid to be "truly inclusive".

All entrants to the 2023 event will be able to select male, female or non-binary in its entry system, which will open on Oct 1. Organisers said that the change is being introduced following an extensive review and consultation and also to make the event "the most diverse, equitable and inclusive marathon in the world". It also means that, for the first

time, non-binary runners will be ranked separately from their male and female counterparts and can search for their running times accordingly.

Announcing the new category, Hugh Brasher, event director of the London Marathon, said: "This is a significant step forward for the TCS London Marathon as we continue our journey to make our event truly inclusive."

"We know there is still much more to be done, but changes such as this demonstrate our commitment to making the TCS London Marathon an event that is for everyone."



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Lancet in storm over ‘Covid link to US lab’

Medical journal accused of ‘shameful moment’ over role in reporting scientific findings

By Sarah Newey
GLOBAL HEALTH
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THE *Lancet* is facing a backlash after a Covid Commission report yesterday suggested the disease may have leaked from a laboratory in the United States. The paper said it remains “feasible” that Sars-Cov-2 emerged from a natural spillover or a laboratory incident, and called for safeguards to cut the risk.

But the report, the result of two years work, also suggested US researchers could be culpable. As well as mentioning facilities in Wuhan, China, it noted that “independent researchers have not yet investigated” US labs, and said the US National Institutes of Health has “resisted disclosing details” of its work. At a conference in Madrid this year, economist Prof Jeffrey Sachs, the commission chairman, said he was “pretty convinced” that Sars-Cov-2 “came out of a US lab of biotechnology, not out of nature” – a claim widely promoted since by Chinese diplomats. In August, Prof Sachs appeared on a podcast hosted by Robert F Kennedy Jr, one of the world’s most prominent anti-vaccine commentators, to discuss his

beliefs, just days after Instagram and Facebook suspended an account led by Mr Kennedy for sharing what the platforms said was Covid misinformation, especially around vaccines. Experts said Prof Sachs’ actions have overshadowed much of the research and recommendations within the 58-page report, and criticised *The Lancet* for resisting calls to remove him. “Sachs’ appearance on RFK Jr’s podcast undermines the seriousness of *The Lancet* Commission’s mission to the point of negating it,” said Prof Angela Rasmussen, at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization in Canada. “This may be one of *The Lancet*’s most shameful moments regarding its role as a steward and leader in communicating

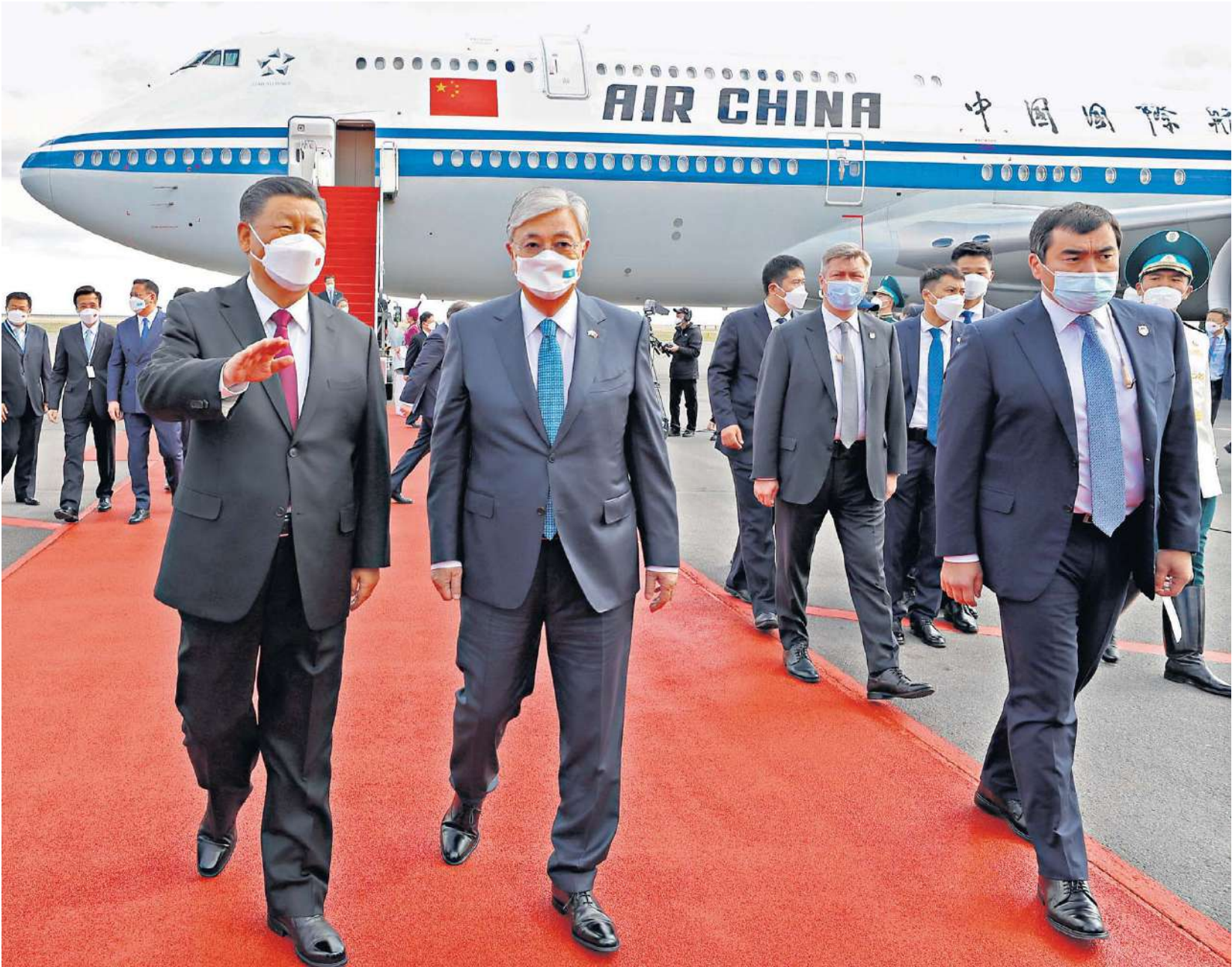
‘That doesn’t mean there’s any basis to the wild speculation that US labs were involved’ crucial findings about science and medicine,” she said, adding that she was “shocked at how flagrantly” the report ignores key evidence on Covid origins. Prof David Robertson, director of the University of Glasgow’s Centre for Virus Research, added: “It’s really disappointing to see such a potentially influential report contributing to further misinformation on such an important topic.” Prof Sachs stood by his previous comments, adding that he “oversaw this

part of the work” on the emergence of Sars-Cov-2. Last summer he disbanded an initial task force led by Dr Peter Daszak amid concerns it was too biased towards the natural origin hypothesis. It was never reformed, but Prof Sachs said commissioners “consulted widely and met with a number of scientists”. “Everybody has signed off on the final text. The question of a possible laboratory release mostly involves the question of US-China joint work that was underway on Sars-like viruses,” he said. Prof Robertson added: “We have details to understand on the side of natural origins, for example the exact intermediate species involved, but that doesn’t mean there’s any basis to the wild speculation that US labs were involved.”

But Prof Peter Hotez, a member of *The Lancet* Commission and dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, said there had been “diverse views” and that he had “pushed hard on removing” mention of US labs in the report because it was “a distraction”. He added that he had been “speechless” when Prof Sachs appeared on Mr Kennedy’s podcast. Once an economic adviser to the Soviet Union, Prof Sachs also recently sided with Vladimir Putin in his calls to halt Nato enlargement. He has twice been named in *Time* magazine’s 100 most influential people and more recently was signed up as an unpaid adviser to Josep Borrell, the European Union’s top foreign diplomat.

Look east

Xi Jinping, the president of China, arrives in Kazakhstan yesterday for a three-day state visit, his first overseas trip since the pandemic. He was welcomed to the country that shares a 1,000-mile border with China by president Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at Nur-Sultan Nazarbayev International Airport.



China’s covert UK ‘police stations’ seek to control citizens abroad

By Simina Mistreanu, Helen Chandler-Wilde and Berny Torre

CHINA has opened unofficial “police stations” in London as part of a growing network of Communist Party-linked offices accused of hunting down and blackmailing citizens to force them to return home. Chinese authorities have established 54 “overseas police service centres” around the world in the past few years, according to a report, as Beijing seeks to expand its powers abroad. The “110 overseas service stations”, named after the national police emergency phone number, were established by public security bureaus in China, initially as part of an effort to target telecoms fraud abroad. But the growth of

the informal police stations comes as China is accused of harassing political dissidents on foreign soil, including in the UK. There is no evidence that the “police stations” have been used for this purpose. They are operated by community associations, according to a report from Safeguard Defenders, a non-profit human rights organisation. The centres are run from innocuous locations – such as Chinese restaurants or convenience stores, or the offices of business associations. One of the two police “service” stations in London is registered as an estate agency. Another one, based in Glasgow, is a Chinese restaurant. *The Daily Telegraph* visited the estate agency in north London, which denied

‘This is all taking place under the radar, outside the view of, in this case, the British’

any links. However, they said the office was also used by a legal firm. Its website says it deals predominantly with Chinese immigration issues. Another food delivery office in Croydon, said to be part of the network, also denied links when visited by a reporter. The stations are ostensibly meant to help Chinese people abroad with paperwork such as extending driving licences. But state media reports show that some have been involved in collaborating with Chinese police to carry out operations abroad. “In general, these stations have both a good and a bad purpose,” Peter Dahlin, director of Safeguard Defenders, said. “They are there to help, say, Chinese tourists who get into trouble. They can act as a liaison with local police. The

problem is they are not properly registered as [agents for the police] in these different countries. “This is all taking place under the radar, outside the view of, in this case, the British people and the British police, targeting the Chinese diaspora.” Thirty-six stations exist in 16 European countries, including France, Spain, Britain and Germany. Fewer “service” police stations have been opened in the Americas, Asia and Africa. Some have been found to help Chinese police conduct so-called “persuasion sessions” remotely, Safeguard Defenders said. In one example, documented by Chinese media, a police “service” station in Madrid tracked down a man wanted in China for environmental pollution and had him sit down for a

‘The Chinese government can avoid the scrutiny of its human rights record by operating undercover’

video call with public security agents and a prosecutor. A family member of the man was asked to sit next to the Chinese authorities during the call – a move that can be interpreted as a thinly veiled threat. Other examples of possible blackmail are threatening to cut electricity to the homes of families back home, or restricting access to public schools for relatives. By using the stations, the Chinese government “manages to avoid the scrutiny of its human rights record”. The Home Office said any requests for repatriation of suspected foreign criminals must be made in accordance with UK and international law. Illegal repatriation efforts will not be tolerated, it added.

Swedish PM concedes defeat to country’s Right-wing bloc

By Our Foreign Staff

SWEDEN’S prime minister has conceded defeat after a close-fought election, paving the way for the far-right Sweden Democrats to help form a coalition government. A handful of votes remain to be counted, but Magdalena Andersson, who became the country’s first woman premier last year, said the results showed the Right-wing bloc had won. “In parliament, they have a one- or two-seat advantage,” Ms Andersson told a news conference. “It’s a thin majority, but it is a majority.” She said she would ask the speaker of parliament today to relieve her of her duties as prime minister. The Moderates, Sweden Democrats, Christian Democrats and Liberals had held a one-seat lead after Sunday’s election, but looked like winning 176 seats in the 349-seat parliament to the

centre-left’s 173 seats, according to the latest figures. The result still has to be officially confirmed, probably by the weekend. The election marks a watershed in Swedish politics with the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, shunned by all the major parties when they first entered parliament in 2010, on the threshold of gaining influence over government policy. Ms Andersson said she understood that many Swedes were worried that a party with roots in the white-supremacist fringe was now the country’s second largest. “I see your concern and I share it,” she said. The Sweden Democrats look set to win 20.6 per cent of the vote, overtaking the Moderates, who got 19.1 per cent, as the biggest party on the Right. Ulf Kristersson, leader of the Moderate Party, is the Right’s candidate to be prime minister.

Call to reopen case of ‘killer’ who inspired crime podcast

By Josie Ensor US CORRESPONDENT

THE man convicted of killing his former high school girlfriend in a case that inspired the popular true crime podcast series, *Serial*, should have his case reopened, prosecutors have said. The state’s attorney for Baltimore in Maryland said in a motion filed in circuit court that the defence had found new evidence of Adnan Syed’s innocence, including details on the possible involvement of two other suspects. Teenager Hae Min Lee was strangled and buried in Baltimore’s Leakin Park in 1999. Syed, then 17 years old but charged as an adult, received a life sentence plus 30 years for premeditated murder. Prosecutors now quote evidence that two other suspects may have been involved, either separately or together, and that they were not ruled out during initial police investigations. Their names were not made public, but one

suspect was accused and convicted of rape and sexual assault after Syed’s trial. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that prosecutors found a document in the state’s trial file that detailed one person’s statement that said one of the suspects had a motive to kill Lee. According to the court filing, the suspect said “he would make her [Lee] disappear. He would kill her”. Prosecutors said this “was not available” to the defence at Syed’s trial back in 2000 and “it would have provided persuasive support substantiating the defence that another person was responsible”. Syed, now 42, could get a new trial or go free after serving more than 20 years for a killing he maintained he did not commit. His case was covered in *Serial* in 2014, which raised questions about his guilt. In 2018, a special appeals court ruled Syed deserved a new trial but this was reversed by Maryland’s highest court.

Hungary tightens abortion laws to lift falling birth rate

By James Crisp

WOMEN seeking an abortion in Hungary will be forced to first listen to the heartbeat of the foetus as Budapest tightens laws on terminations. A new decree set to enter into force tomorrow states that pregnant women in Hungary must be given “clearly identifiable indication of foetal vital signs” before they are granted an abortion. Pintér Sándor, Hungary’s interior minister, said “nearly two-thirds of Hungarians associate the beginning of a child’s life with the first heartbeat”. Modern equipment was sophisticated enough to detect heartbeats early in pregnancy, which the ministry said would provide “more comprehensive” information for pregnant women. Hungary allows abortion up until the third month of pregnancy, but terminations can be carried out later if there are severe health complications.

Hungarian women must already complete a counselling session before going ahead with an abortion, which was legalised in Hungary in 1953 and reaffirmed in 1992 after the fall of the Soviet Union. Viktor Orbán, Hungary’s authoritarian prime minister, styles himself as a defender of Christian values and has unveiled a series of measures to boost the country’s falling birthrate. The law echoes rules in some US states, such as Texas and Kentucky, which insist women listen to the “foetal heartbeat”. But doctors say the heart is not fully formed in the early stages of pregnancy and the fluttering sound where it will develop can be heard before brain activity begins. There are fears the new law will make it more difficult to access safe and legal abortions in Hungary, and could lead to even tougher restrictions.

Ukraine fightback relies on speed as well as bravery

Zelensky's bold move to win back Kharkiv pays off as rapid advances take the Russian forces by surprise

By **Roland Oliphant** and **Dominic Nicholls**

"AMMO!" screamed the man on top of the vehicle as it charged headlong across the east Ukrainian plain. "Give me ammo!"

A colleague below misheard, and handed up an anti-tank rocket launcher.

Without time to argue the gunner took it, fired it at his target, and repeated his demand for more 50-calibre rounds – only to be handed another rocket.

The episode, captured on the English-speaking gunner's body camera, provided a comic, frightening and, as yet, rare glimpse of the fast-moving battle for Kharkiv region last week.

It also embodied the elements that seem to have made last week's remarkable offensive possible: speed, aggression and a good deal of improvisation.

Before he stopped to fire, the gunner was streaking across the flat land in a Humvee, one of the lightly armoured, rapid vehicles donated by the US that are said to have been vital to the advance.

"A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week" – so said General George Patton, the legendary fire-breathing commander of the US 3rd Army during the Second World War.

When Ukraine decided to launch its counteroffensive in the east, there were no doubt some calling for more time to polish the plan and to allow the latest intelligence updates about Russian locations and strengths to filter in.

Kyiv undoubtedly had good intelligence on the enemy they were facing. Even so, it was a bold move, possibly launched with vehicles lighter than Kyiv would have wished, but preferable to going on the attack in a few months time with sturdier kit.

Like the machine gunner handed a bazooka, they decided to forge ahead

with what they had. They also threw orthodoxy to the wind by ripping up both Western and Soviet military rule books for a plan most generals would have dismissed as insanely risky.

Western forces prefer to conduct reconnaissance by stealth; even armoured vehicles can sneak around to acquire a better view of enemy dispositions if handled by competent crews.

By contrast, Soviet, and later Russian, doctrine, prefers to fight for information. Russian units send tanks into reconnaissance missions and are happy to be engaged by enemy guns; all the better to understand what is out there.

The Ukrainian military leadership seems to have adopted a hybrid of these

described Ukrainian flying columns that charged into the centre of villages, refusing to engage strong points, and making headlong for Kupiansk.

In just a few days the Ukrainians had captured both Izyum and Kupiansk, critical railway junctions long considered Russian strongholds.

By yesterday, just a week after the assault began, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky stood in Izyum's central square to give an improvised speech to his troops. He paused, only briefly, for a distant explosion.

There is debate about the wider impact of this lightning assault.

General Eberhard Zorn, the head of the German army, said the "brilliant" operation had destroyed Russia's hopes of achieving its stated war aim of conquering the rest of Donbas.

"Two weeks ago, I would have said that the entire Donbas [region] would be in Russian hands in six months. Today, I say they won't manage that," he told *Focus* magazine yesterday. But he cautioned that was not the same as turning back the Russians on a broad front.

Another Western official also cautioned against viewing the offensive as a "turning point".

This has also been extremely risky. If Russia had more and properly equipped troops behind the frontline "crust", the charging Toyotas and Humvees might quickly have come to grief.

But it was not just speed of the vehicles that made the difference, said Andrei Zagorodnyuk, a former Ukrainian defence minister. "The Russians' greatest weakness is their centralised decision-making," he told *The Daily Telegraph*. "No one wants to make a decision because no one wants to take the blame. So they have to send things all the way up to Moscow and back."

Moscow yesterday destroyed a dam in missile strikes on Ukrainian-held territory behind the frontlines, causing extensive flooding in the central city of Kryvyi Rih.

Oleksiy Arestoyvich, a top adviser to Mr Zelensky, said the bombardment on vital infrastructure was designed to hamper the Kherson offensive.

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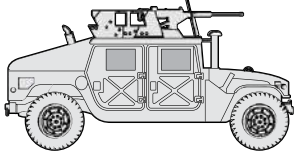
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views when planning last week's attack.

They appear not to have been overly concerned about staying hidden, preferring to use light, mostly wheeled vehicles such as the Humvee and Australian Bushmaster armoured personnel carriers, as well as civilian trucks such as Toyota Landcruisers.

After an initial armoured punch through the crust of Russian defences, these much faster vehicles raced behind enemy lines, avoiding heavy fights and marking Russian positions for destruction either by artillery or heavier units following behind.

Frantic messages on the Telegram social media platform, posted by the Russian war-blogging community,



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Volodymyr Zelensky with troops in liberated Izyum, left; destroyed Russian tanks just outside the town, above; a prayer written on the wall of a basement in the police station in Balakliya that had been used by occupying Russian forces as a detention centre, below



Russia threatens to execute prison recruits

By Josie Ensor

THE man dubbed “Putin’s chef” and the founder of the fearsome Wagner Group has told prisoners they will be executed if they flee while fighting in Ukraine during a recruitment speech, footage shows.

A secretly filmed video has emerged online appearing to show Yevgeny Prigozhin, an oligarch and the Wagner manager and financier, recruiting inmates to take up arms in Ukraine alongside mercenaries.

“Wagner is expending 2.5 times the ammunition fired in Stalingrad,” Mr Prigozhin is heard telling the hundreds of recruits in black uniform, reportedly at a penal colony somewhere in Mordovia, a federal subject of Russia.

Prigozhin reveals that prisoners have already been fighting on the front lines with Wagner, a shadowy private militia group. “In the first attack in Ukraine using 40 prisoners, three died and seven were injured,” he said.

He informs them of Wagner’s rules: “No alcohol, and no sex with local women. No desertions or surrender – troops will be issued two hand grenades to blow themselves up if needed.”

Those who join must be between 22 and 50 years of age, although maybe older “if fit”.

“Only two other people can get you out of here, God and Allah, and they’ll do it in a wooden coffin. I can get you out alive,” Mr Prigozhin says by way of a

No desertions or surrender – troops will be issued two hand grenades to blow themselves up if needed

pitch. Nobody goes back behind bars,” he continues. “If you serve six months (in Wagner), you are free. If you arrive in Ukraine and decide it’s not for you, we will execute you.”

Russian law does not allow commuting prison sentences for mercenary service in Ukraine, though it is unclear if exceptions can be made in times of war.

That Moscow is now having to draw from the prison population reveals the level of desperation in Russian ranks.

The British Ministry of Defence has assessed that Moscow has used the Wagner Group – dubbed one of the world’s most dangerous mercenary groups – to “reinforce front-line forces” in Ukraine and to fill gaps created by heavy Russian casualties.

The number of Russian casualties after six months of war has not been made public, and assessments vary, from US estimates of 70,000 to 80,000 total to Ukrainian estimates of 50,000 killed and many tens of thousands more wounded or missing.

Mr Prigozhin earned the moniker of “Putin’s chef” because of his catering contracts with the Kremlin. He was granted the title Hero of the Russian Federation for Wagner’s growing role in the war.

The US, EU, and UK have imposed sanctions on Mr Prigozhin, which are intended to target his network of “malign influence in Africa.”

Although Russian officials refuse to accept links to the Wagner Group, the

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Russian government has used the private militia and other Prigozhin-owned entities as proxies to disperse disinformation and carry out covert, armed operations abroad, including in Mali, the Central African Republic, Libya, Syria, and Ukraine.

Extensive Russian casualties and Moscow’s inability to regenerate its forces have sapped its military’s ability to conduct large-scale offensive operations. Those factors have made Wagner Group and its mercenaries a more appealing option to the Kremlin.

However, like Russia’s regular military, Wagner Group has been forced to lower its standards in order to replenish its ranks and is now drawing from unconventional sources.

Doctors set up online health clinic for refugee children

By James Rothwell

BRITISH paediatricians have launched an online clinic which will help Ukrainian children get medical care after arriving as refugees in the UK.

The British Ukrainian Refugee Children’s Clinic, which launched yesterday, offers consultations of 30 minutes with experienced paediatricians over an online video call.

Prof Alastair Sutcliffe, the co-founder of the volunteer scheme, says it was set up because they are aware that “it can be difficult for new families to navigate their way in the UK health service”.

Speaking to *The Daily Telegraph*, Prof Sutcliffe, who has more than two decades experience as a paediatrician, said he was “appalled” by news footage of traumatised refugee families and wanted to offer his support.

He set up the clinic alongside two other paediatricians, Dr Jane Hoddes and Dr Sanjay Suri, and they have already found five consultants to offer online consultations.

Prof Sutcliffe said he expects

demand could be high and called for any doctors, or other volunteers such as Ukrainian translators, to approach him if they are interested in helping out.

According to its website, the British Ukrainian Refugee Children’s Clinic can diagnose medical conditions, provide prescriptions and give advice on how to access services in the NHS.

“The initial reaction has been spectacularly positive,” Prof Sutcliffe said, stressing that the paediatricians were giving up their spare time and so their support would not impact their clinical practices. “We’re happy to have volunteers, if they contact me I’d be pleased to involve them in what is a growing initiative.”

Britain has taken in around 100,000 Ukrainians as of July. According to the Government, many of the families who fled indiscriminate Russian bombing campaigns on Ukrainian towns.

A large number of those children are likely to be suffering from warzone trauma, and the clinic says providing support for that issue will be a key part of its work.



Blessed relief A resident of Balakliya in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine clasps a bag of humanitarian aid distributed after the liberation of the town from Russian occupation.

China unlikely to give lifeline to Moscow

By Nataliya Vasilyeva
in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

VLADIMIR PUTIN is unlikely to gain desperately needed military support from Xi Jinping today when the leaders of Russia and China meet for the first time since the war in Ukraine began.

The two presidents will gather at a summit of Asia’s leaders for a rare face-to-face meeting, just as Mr Putin’s forces suffer staggering losses in Ukraine. But analysts say the meeting will not see Mr Xi agree to send weapons to its increasingly desperate ally.

The ancient Silk Road desert city of Samarkand in Uzbekistan was this week ordered into a security lockdown for the summit of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO), referred to as the “Dictators’ Club” because of the lack of democratic members.

Schools and public buildings are being closed for three days, the airport was shut and only a select few were allowed to travel into the city by train.

All cars except vehicles with SCO permits have been barred from the roads, leaving the city like a ghost town.

Mr Putin and Mr Xi last saw each other a few weeks before the Feb 24 invasion of Ukraine, when both pledged a friendship with “no limits”.

But the direction of the war in Ukraine has shown that the Kremlin overestimated Beijing’s support for Moscow and while the SCO could, in theory, counter Nato, it lacks strong security guarantees and is often dismissed as largely irrelevant.

China did not explicitly back Russia’s invasion of Ukraine but instead used it as a chance to criticise the West for unleashing an economic war.

Berlin blocks delivery of armoured carriers to Ukraine

By Jorg Luyken

A GERMAN arms manufacturer has refurbished 16 armoured personnel carriers requested by Ukraine, but can’t deliver them because the German government is stalling on an export licence.

Rheinmetall confirmed to the broadcaster ARD on Tuesday that it had refurbished the Marder vehicles, which were

formerly used by the German army. The arms firm said it was in the process of refurbishing a further 14 Marder vehicles, and had 70 more in warehouses which could be put back into action.

But Berlin refuses to grant an export licence, citing an agreement it says has been made between western allies not to export western-built battle tanks or armoured personnel carriers to Ukraine.

Olaf Scholz, the Chancellor, has said that Germany would not “go it alone” and would only deliver such weapons with the consent of its allies.

This stance has met with a furious reaction in Kyiv, where foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba said this week that there was “not a single rational argument” for the German standpoint. “What is Berlin afraid of that Kyiv is not,” he asked.

The United States has said it would not mind if Germany chose to start delivering heavier weaponry. Writing on Twitter, the US embassy in Berlin stated that “the decision on the type of aid is ultimately up to each country itself”.

The massive Ukrainian military advances of recent days have led politicians inside Mr Scholz’ governing coalition to call for him to seize the moment

and increase German military support.

Johannes Vogel, a senior member of the liberal Free Democrats, said: “I think the possibilities we have in terms of Marder armoured vehicles need to be delivered to Ukraine now.”

Anton Hofreiter, a member of the Bundestag for the Greens, told the media company RND that Berlin should stop “hiding behind” other countries.

The truth about midlife crises is too painful for many to confront



A new study by American economists has found that the midlife crisis is real. People living in wealthy nations are at their most unhappy in their late forties and early fifties, afflicted by sleeplessness, depression, disabling headaches, memory problems, alcohol dependence and even suicidal thoughts.

The authors of the report can find no particular cause for this misery. In fact, they point out, the “middle-aged citizens in our data sets are close to their peak earnings, have typically experienced little or no illness, reside in some of the safest countries in the world, and live in the most prosperous era in human history”. Yet “something elemental appears to be going wrong in the middle of many of our citizens’ lives”.

As a 51-year-old insomniac with a permanent headache, might I point out the obvious? Midlife is, for most people, when our parents start to die.

We don’t tend to think of this as an elemental trauma, because it is natural and inevitable. Old people die. Parents are supposed to die before their children. And it must be manageable. People manage it all the time.

Except we don’t really. We just put on a good front. We get our work done, chivvy the children off to school, sort laundry into piles. But all the while we are reeling from a double-punch of existential shock.

In losing a parent – the person who made you, witnessed your beginnings and carried the memories you were too young to store yourself, the person who has always, always been there – you are confronted with your own mortality.

If they, the very fabric from which you are made, can die, then so can you. The secret conviction that you might have a special exemption from death is

finally, belatedly, torn away.

This is what a midlife crisis really is: a confrontation with your own impermanence. As long as your parents are alive, their colossal figures obscure the road ahead. Once you can see what’s coming for you, it’s only natural to be terrified.

The good news is that you learn to live with the fear. Elliott Jaques, the psychoanalyst who coined the phrase “midlife crisis”, saw it as a necessary shift from youthful delusion to “contemplative pessimism”. Many studies have shown that, after the nadir of middle age, happiness levels rise again. Having confronted death, we get better at savouring what remains of life.

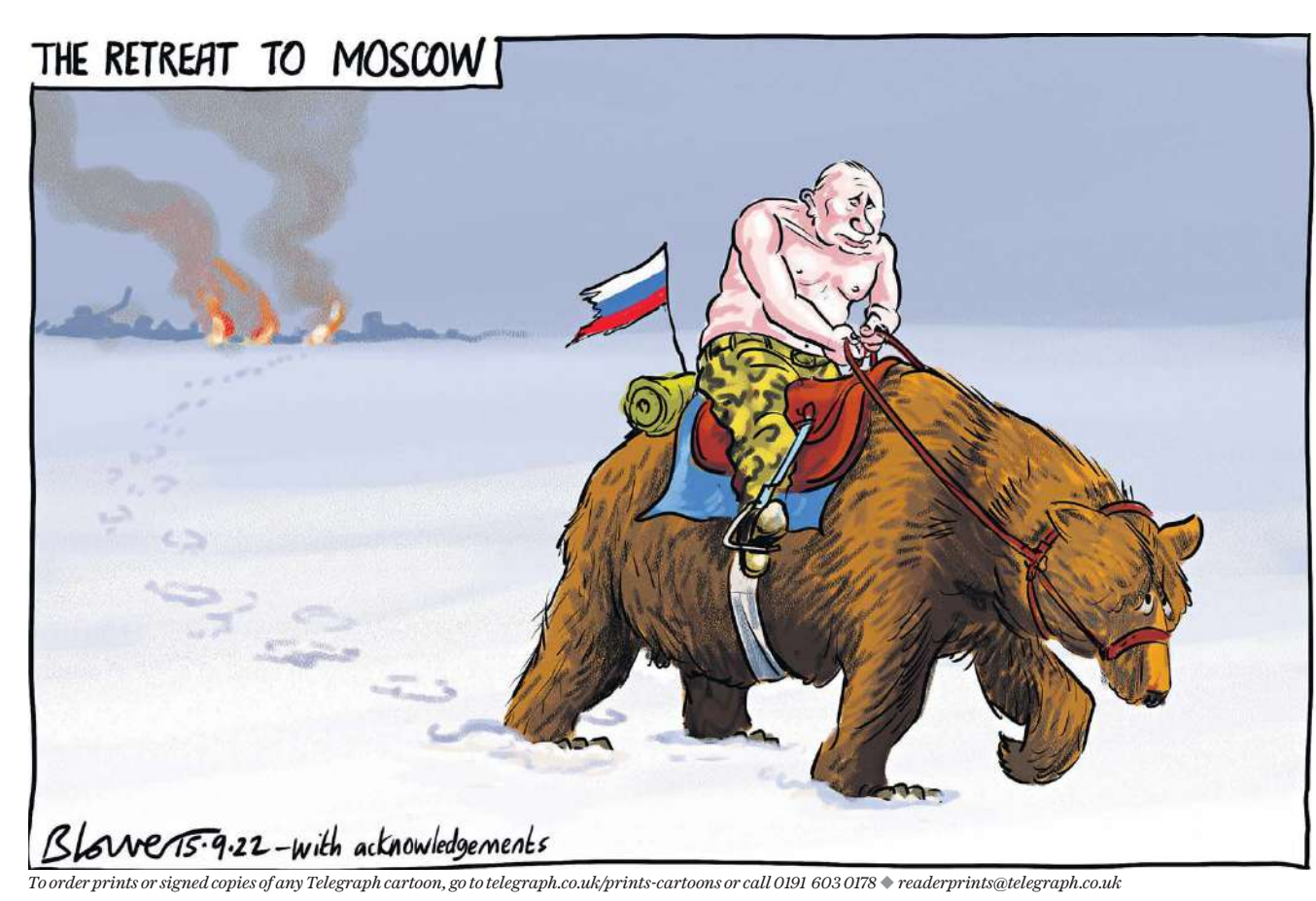
The people of Bhutan believe that, in order to find contentment, you must contemplate death at least five times a day. Since my father died five years ago, I have been able to follow this wisdom effortlessly.

I think about death – and the gruelling trials of old age that precede it – constantly. I live in a state of resigned horror not just at the loss of my father, but at the speed with which time sweeps away whole generations, their beliefs and behaviours and tastes, and will sweep away mine too.

Much of the grief we feel now, as a nation, is a version of this existential angst. Someone who was always there, the repository of so much collective memory, has vanished.

In mourning Elizabeth II, we also mourn the lost, intangible atmospheres of our youths, the people we have lost, and the terrible fact of our own mortality.

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Don’t let petty officialdom stop millions from paying respects to the late Queen

The bureaucracy should pull out all the stops to let as many people as possible witness this historic event



Britain, it turns out, does not want a Scandinavian-style, cut-price, pseudo-democratic monarchy. We aren’t interested in a pared-down Royal family living in a council flat, a minimalist institution stripped of tradition, of symbolism, of spectacle. Our hereditary monarchy, in its anti-rationalistic glory, with its palaces, gun salutes, curtsies, and rituals and proclamations, is our connection to our history, proof that Englishness, Scottishness and Britishness are real, that our nation is a continuation of an ever-evolving polity founded 11 centuries ago – not merely a modern imagined community hastily constructed on fashionable principles.

The rest of the world has long realised how lucky we are; finally, so have we. The queue to witness the late Queen lying in state will be 10 miles long; billions will tune in worldwide to watch the funeral. George Orwell was right, of course, when he argued that the “most effective way to destroy a people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history”. He explained how totalitarian states erase the past, destroying records, censoring and rewriting books, renaming streets and of course tearing down statues to ensure that “nothing exists except an

endless present in which the Party is always right”.

To the wonderful surprise of many conservative pessimists, the vast majority of the public, including the young and the children and grandchildren of immigrants, understand this. The present moment will bring about a cultural renaissance, a renewed bond with the past that will refresh Britain’s collective memory, bind us more closely together, involve new arrivals, and strengthen our wonderful freedoms. Televising the proclamation was an act of genius: television and images don’t destroy the magic, they help magnify it. We can all pledge allegiance to the King, and we can all belong to an ancient country that is at once liberal and conservative.

The past few days have been stunningly reassuring: there was no national breakdown, just great sadness. There was no upsurge in republicanism, no animosity towards King Charles, who has been embraced in a most extraordinary manner. There has been no mockery directed towards the pageantry, customs, the deep Christianity of the ceremonies, the essential unionism or the role of the military. We mourn the passing of our beloved Queen, while transferring our allegiance to our King as the next stage of our history begins. The automaticity of the handover is a triumph.

Yet while the Royals, the military and even the politicians have behaved impeccably, brilliantly planning and executing the complex ceremonies, the only sour note has been sounded by petty officialdom. There has been a sense, in parts of the Whitehall bureaucracy, among the work-from-home Civil Service fraternity, that the public’s enthusiastic interest in paying their respects to the Queen is a problem to be minimised. Rather than seeing a

record-breaking turnout as a triumph, a marvellous, unifying, national occasion, they seek to discourage it. There has been too much risk-aversion, too much nervous box-ticking, too little understanding of the quasi-metaphysical significance of the moment, of the desperate need to allow as many people as possible to take part in saying goodbye to the Queen.

For a start, the late Queen should have travelled to London by Royal train, to allow hundreds of thousands more to get a glimpse of her coffin. Once again, the models used by planners have turned out to be absurdly wrong, misunderstanding the mood of the nation, scandalously underplaying the love and affection in which Elizabeth II was held, underestimating the interest in all parts of the proceedings. A few hundred thousand people will be able to walk past the Queen in Westminster Hall, while millions would have liked to be involved.

In advance of the funeral, the warnings from officialdom have been deafening: London is already full; there is a security risk; the trains will be jammed. Foreign dignitaries must take commercial flights, rather than private jets, not for environmental reasons but because airports are at full capacity. Why not allow 24-hour arrivals, just for this special occasion? Why not massively increase the number of trains? Why can’t the Civil Service, just for once, pull out all the stops? Why can’t volunteers be asked to host people in their homes, as the Scots did during Cop26? Why not draft in every resource, make every effort? Lessons must be learnt for the Coronation.

We’ve seen some of this miserabilist, can’t-do attitude contaminate other parts of society, with the funeral used as the latest sanctimonious excuse for laziness. Why is the NHS, which

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already operates a drastically reduced service every weekend, cancelling appointments?

By contrast, with a few silly exceptions such as Center Parcs, the private sector understands the unique nature of the moment. There are memorial tributes in shop entrances, on thousands of commercial websites and advertising billboards. Despite Britain’s need for more graft, it was right to declare Monday a public holiday.

Even big supermarkets, such as those operated by Tesco and Sainsbury’s, are shutting, allowing hundreds of thousands of staff to commemorate the funeral properly. It is often claimed that the likes of Aldi, Primark or McDonald’s, overseas owned giants, are “anywheres”, rootless corporations, but this isn’t true. They understand the national context. It is also right that pubs are staying open, allowing communities to come together.

Miraculously, the monarchy has survived the cultural and social earthquakes of the 20th century. Many assumed that the aristocracy’s decline – the abolition of the power of the House of Lords to veto legislation in 1911, the ending of the presentation of debutantes at Court, the rise of life peerages (with no new non-royal hereditary peerages conferred since 1984), and Tony Blair’s removal of all but 92 hereditaries from the Upper House – would cripple the monarchy.

They expected secularisation, the end of empire, immigration, cultural egalitarianism, demilitarisation and the changing shape of the family to delegitimise the hereditary principle. They were wrong. The monarchy is stronger than ever, a bulwark against tyranny, revolution, communism and wokeism. Thank God for the British public. It deserves to be given a proper opportunity to see out its late Queen.

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The monarchy is a friend to all faiths

King Charles has shown eagerness to continue his mother’s tradition of promoting reconciliation



In an address at Lambeth Palace in 2012, Queen Elizabeth II said: “The concept of our established Church is occasionally misunderstood. Its role is not to defend Anglicanism to the exclusion of other religions. Instead, the Church has a duty to protect the free practice of all faiths in this country.” A beacon of tolerance during the 70 years of her reign, the Queen was the embodiment of this message. Respecting all people with sensitivity and dignity, she reached out with friendship to other faiths within her realm and they were all enriched by her warmth, concern and encouragement.

In this context, on ascending the throne, the late Queen saw interfaith dialogue and reconciliation as crucial

ingredients of a successful and harmonious post-war Britain. One of the very first charities to which she pledged her support in 1952 was the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ). It had been established in the midst of the Holocaust in 1942 by Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz and the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple. The Queen’s personal involvement in CCJ over many subsequent years would bear testament to her respect for other faith traditions and her desire to promote diversity and reconciliation.

The Queen’s deep interest in and respect for Jews and Judaism was evident when, seven years ago, my wife Valerie and I had the privilege of staying overnight at Windsor Castle as guests of Her Majesty and Prince Philip. No effort was spared in preparing kosher meals of the highest standard for us. After dinner, the late Queen and Prince Philip led us on a tour of the Royal Library. A Czech Torah scroll, given to her by the Memorial Scrolls Trust, was put on display for us. This was one of 1,564 sacred scrolls which had been confiscated and earmarked by the Germans for display in a planned museum in Prague dedicated to “the destroyed Jewish people”. Members of the Royal family took to heart the significance of this Torah scroll, which

is a symbol of Jewish faith and survival.

In her first year on the throne, the late Queen also became a patron of Norwood, the UK’s largest Jewish charity supporting vulnerable children and their families, children with special educational needs and people with learning disabilities and autism. She showed interest and gave support to Norwood throughout her reign.

When the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust was established in 2005, the late Queen readily agreed to become its patron and was passionately dedicated to numerous acts of memorial. I witnessed first hand her concern for the Jewish people and her empathy for our traumatic past when, in 2015, I accompanied her to Bergen-Belsen, her first visit to a concentration camp.

On the Sabbath morning following the announcement that Elizabeth II had passed away, synagogues around the country were full of congregants, eager to pay respects and hear a moment of history. On every previous Jewish Sabbath and festival morning, prayers had been recited for the life and wellbeing of “our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth”. Now, for the first time, we prayed for “our Sovereign Lord, King Charles”.

King Charles has shown an eagerness to continue in his mother’s tradition. In

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2013, our community was deeply honoured when he interrupted his summer holiday in Scotland to attend my Service of Installation as Chief Rabbi. His encouragement to all faith groups is well-known and, having succeeded as patron of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust in 2015, he has shown a particular commitment to Holocaust memorial and education. Earlier this year, His Majesty unveiled in Buckingham Palace seven portraits that he had commissioned of Holocaust survivors, which, he said, would stand as a “living memorial” and a “permanent reminder”.

In her 2004 Christmas broadcast, the late Queen said: “Discrimination still exists. Some people feel that their own beliefs are being threatened. Some are unhappy about unfamiliar cultures. They all need to be reassured that there is so much to be gained by reaching out to others; that diversity is indeed a strength and not a threat.” From the experience of the British Jewish community, we know that King Charles will, most certainly, continue to convey this important message. The future stability of our society depends on it.

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The NHS is wrong to cancel appointments

How disappointing it is, and yet how predictable, that the NHS should use the funeral of the Queen on Monday to scale back its services. Patients who have waited weeks, or even months, for hospital consultations and routine operations have suddenly been told their appointments for that day have been cancelled. Many have yet to be rescheduled because the treatment backlog is so great that finding alternative dates is difficult.

While Monday has been designated a public holiday, there is no obligation on businesses to close down or for anyone to stop work. Many have decided to give their employees the day off, either to attend the funeral or watch on television. If a private enterprise such as a supermarket chain wishes to do so, that is its prerogative. While closing for 24 hours might hit revenues, it is a gesture that will be appreciated by staff. Moreover, no one will starve if the likes of Sainsbury's shuts its doors for the day.

But the same is not true of the NHS. Some major hospitals have said that they will postpone "the vast majority" of non-urgent cases. While managers insist that emergency services and cancer centres will continue to function normally, how do they know whether a cancelled appointment might not result in a missed diagnosis of an ailment that could prove more difficult to treat – or even fatal – by the time it is discovered? This is not just hospitals. GPs have been told they can close their doors, with local areas asked to ensure that there are sufficient "out of hours" services in place to cope with demand. Doctors and nurses said they had no choice but to take the day off, in order to provide childcare because schools were closed for the day. The irony is that it is already difficult enough to obtain appointments for GP consultations and it is not unusual for hospitals to offer fewer services at weekends and bank holidays. A public health service should not function at half-speed, whatever the day of the week.

The argument that staff need time off is perfectly legitimate, but other walks of life manage to operate rotas to ensure business continues pretty much as usual on Sundays and public holidays. We are watching with awe the superb organisation of many aspects of the Queen's funeral and how parts of the public sector, and especially the military, can function at the highest level of efficiency. Why can't the NHS?

Geopolitical shift

When they last met in February, Xi Jinping was opening the Beijing Winter Olympics, looking forward to a year in which his power would be consolidated by an extension to his presidency, while Vladimir Putin was preparing to order his forces into Ukraine for what most people imagined would be a quick and decisive victory. They took the opportunity to declare a "no limits" partnership.

A few months on and the world does not look quite so auspicious for these two autocrats. President Xi is making only his first overseas trip in two years to attend a conference of Asian nations in Uzbekistan, having refused to travel because of the coronavirus. China is almost alone in the world in still operating a "zero Covid" approach that continues to see major cities closed down with a consequential impact on the economy and the morale of the people.

Whether Mr Xi is still happy with a "no limits" tie-up with his Kremlin counterpart given what has happened to Russian forces in Ukraine is open to conjecture. The two leaders are meeting on the fringes of the Samarkand conference, with Mr Putin's status severely diminished by the military debacle that has left his own leadership under attack back home. Moreover, Mr Xi will have noted the West's united response to the Ukraine invasion if he is considering a similar action in Taiwan.

America is about to announce further military assistance to Ukraine and the European commission president Ursula von der Leyen pledged the EU's determination to end dependency on Russian energy. In the space of eight months, the geopolitical tectonic plates have shifted, with ramifications to be felt for many years ahead.

Punchline program

A robot has been taught to laugh at jokes. Scientists at Kyoto University hope this will make it more human. But have they thought this through? Last month a chess-playing robot in Moscow broke a child's finger by grabbing it in place of a pawn and refusing to let go. We don't think that funny, but this laughing robot might find it hilarious. So what kind of human will the robot resemble? Will it laugh at its own jokes? This is hard to pull off for genuine humans of flesh and blood. But the *pons robotorum* will be to laugh in the right place. This is already a thing that cinema audiences often fail to master, spoiling it for more human humans. And we know better than to laugh at jokes that offend a new multitude of social prohibitions. One false AI step and this robot could find itself barred from the Edinburgh Festival.



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Calm, respectful crowds of mourners have shown that the British character remains intact

SIR – The queues we are witnessing as people pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II differ only in their clothing from the ones in the photograph on the front of Tuesday's Features section, of people waiting to see Winston Churchill lying in state in 1965.

In that image there was a sprinkling of mink coats, and every female head was covered – but it is clear that the essential British character remains unchanged.

Audrey Lindsay
Over Peover, Cheshire

SIR – Seeing the procession of the late Queen's coffin to the lying in state, I am reminded of the last time I saw her in Whitehall.

It was the State Opening of Parliament and, as three of us looked up from our desks in the (then) Foreign and Commonwealth Office, we decided to take a nonchalant peep.

Whitehall was deserted. The Queen went past, looked at us and waved. We completely lost our cool and waved frantically back. What a star.

Helen Taylor
Shaftesbury, Dorset

SIR – As a schoolboy at Wellington College in 1952 my husband, with other members of the Cadet Force, was proud to line the route of the funeral procession of King George VI.

He would be equally proud to perform the same service for the late Queen, but at 88 it is a dream too far. **Jane Cullinan**
Padstow, Cornwall

SIR – As the nation stops to mourn Elizabeth II's death and celebrate her reign, we are experiencing a welcome period of reflection.

Of course, all the problems that were being reported in the news remain, but I am grateful for the present calm.

Tim Fox
Beckenham, Kent

SIR – The Queen's death is understandably dominating the news.

However, there are many other pressing issues that haven't gone away: thousands of economic migrants continue to cross the Channel illegally, a war still rages in Ukraine, the cost of living is still crippling millions, knife and gun crime appear to be increasingly rife, and the NHS is still struggling.

I hope the new Prime Minister



Elizabeth II and Prince Philip aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia on a visit to Kuwait, 1979

is busy with matters besides the preparations for the funeral.

Stefan Badham
Portsmouth, Hampshire

SIR – Now is not the time for the NHS to be given a bank holiday.

Dr JP Foran
Sutton, Surrey

SIR – As the owner of a small business with 16 employees, I would normally dread the announcement of a new bank holiday imposed by ministers who have never run a business or worried about costs and cash flow.

But for our late Queen, closing next Monday in her honour is a small price to pay, and we will pay it with pride.

Bernard Kerrison
London SW4

SIR – It is important to support the freedom of speech of those with whom you disagree (Letters, September 14).

Protesting against the monarchy during this period of mourning, though tactless and tone-deaf, is a fundamental right. Plus, as Napoleon probably never said, never interrupt

your enemy when they are making a mistake.

Jonnie Bradshaw
Wallingford, Oxfordshire

SIR – If you were at a particularly tense football match, standing among the home fans, and you cheered on the visitors, you would be more than happy if the police got to you before the supporters did.

The police act in order to prevent the foolish from being harmed by the crowd.

Brian Farmer
Braintree, Essex

SIR – I am not sure I share the confidence of your Leading Article (September 14) that moving the late Queen's coffin to London by plane rather than royal train was a missed opportunity, and that things would have proceeded smoothly.

There have been several occasions in recent years when reckless spectators wishing to see charter trains – notably those hauled by the Flying Scotsman steam locomotive – have trespassed on to the track, with

no thought for their own safety, and caused widespread disruption.

Roy Freeman
Crowborough, East Sussex

SIR – Watching everyday folk lining the route of the late Queen's coffin has indeed been like seeing the backbone of the nation (Letters, September 13).

We would, I am sure, be willing to help pay for a new royal yacht (Letters, September 14) to keep her legacy alive around the world.

David Dilly
Brill, Buckinghamshire

SIR – Of course a royal yacht would be a fitting tribute.

James Barton
Preston, Lancashire

SIR – The sense is growing that we need, collectively, to decide how to refer to the late Queen so she stands out in the sweep of history for future generations and in future centuries.

In the House of Lords, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, I proposed we designate her Elizabeth the Faithful, partly in response to those referring to her as "the Great".

Superficially she was indeed great, but more than 110 monarchs have been so designated – including the Herod who ordered the slaughter of the innocents, Louis XIV (whose rule made the French Revolution all but inevitable) and Genghis Khan.

As the whole world agrees she was unique, "the Great" misses the mark. When her subjects thoughtfully describe her – whether they are members of the public, commentators, politicians or others – they almost always reach for words that reflect her constancy, service and sense of duty: her faithfulness. Indeed, Tom Tugendhat, our new minister for security, referred to her as Elizabeth the Faithful outside Westminster Hall.

With classic British nuance, the name captures her respectfully but unapologetically expressed trust in God and the fulfilment of the pledge that she made on the cusp of adulthood to serve us her whole life. This she did to her last day.

King Charles would need to approve it and the Government might need to amend, very slightly, the Royal Titles Act 1953. With great respect, I would recommend that they do.

Lord Farmer (Con)
London SW1

Fairer energy relief

SIR – I am a 78-year-old pensioner. My pension is part-state and part-private. I don't lead a lavish life. I make a profit from my pension's income and spend or save it as I wish.

There is no reason why I and others like me cannot absorb extra energy charges. Why should the Government sub me? The money I receive will come from higher borrowing, at least until the debt markets are unable to sell the debt or do so at a cripplingly high cost.

It is unfair to people who need help: the money should be targeted. The reason for not doing this – that it is administratively too difficult – does not bear scrutiny.

Ken Mottram
Epping, Essex

SIR – We have just had a nice letter from British Gas saying it calculates that if we were to stay on our existing rates we would have to pay £1,242.50 in the current year for our electricity (we have no gas).

However, it adds that, if we were to adopt its "super-save system", the bill would be £1,573.93. This is followed by detailed instructions on how to apply for it.

Bob Salmon
Greetham, Rutland

How the National Trust overrules its members

SIR – It is disingenuous for Jan Lasik, General Counsel and Secretary of the National Trust (Letters, September 8), to object to Lord Moore's observation (Notebook, September 6) that concerted efforts are being made at the top of the National Trust to subvert democracy.

Contrary to Mr Lasik's suggestion, casting a discretionary proxy vote is not always a conscious decision taken by members. Whereas one might imagine that leaving the boxes on a resolution blank would result in an automatic abstention, in fact it results in the often unwitting gift of that vote to the chairman to cast as he pleases.

Nor are National Trust members fooled by the new "quick voting" option, which is surely a deliberate trap for the unsuspecting and will make this year's supposedly democratic AGM a stitch-up. Why were members not consulted about this sudden decision beforehand?

It is false to imply that attempts at reform from members are not quashed. Last year alone, two critical and reformative members' resolutions, which would have passed by an overwhelming majority – by about 18,000 votes each – were defeated because Tim Parker, the then chairman, cast more than 20,000

discretionary proxy votes against each.

Restore Trust holds hope that René Olivier, the new chairman, will not suppress dissent in this way, and will let members make up their own minds, even if this results in the popular governance reform so feared by the National Trust's current executive.

We urge all National Trust members to vote in favour of Restore Trust's members' resolution to abolish the chairman's discretionary proxy vote. **Zewditu Gebreyohanes**
Director, Restore Trust
London SE11

SIR – One reason the National Trust has fewer volunteers than before the pandemic is that, during lulls in the lockdown and even when it ended, Green Team volunteers like myself were not allowed to return to outside projects such as maintaining woods.

Complicated e-learning modules that seemed to have little relevance to our "field work" had to be completed before we could be accepted on to work parties. Some of our team found that volunteering opportunities elsewhere were available sooner, or were not prepared to complete these modules. Either way, they gave up.

Andrew Bassett
Newcastle upon Tyne

Pro-war Russians are turning on Vladimir Putin

The real threat to his rule may well come from the ultra-nationalists furious at the disastrous defeats

CON COUGHLIN



Any notion Vladimir Putin may have entertained that his "special military operation" to conquer Ukraine would bolster his regime by stoking nationalist fervour among the Russian people has been soundly demolished by the scale of the humiliating rout his forces have suffered.

Putin's ultimate motivation when he invaded Ukraine back in February was to fulfil his desire to restore Mother Russia to her former imperial glory. By claiming the invasion would rid the country of the "Nazis" who threatened the wellbeing of Ukraine's pro-Russian minority, he deliberately sought to draw a direct comparison with Russia's Great Patriotic War against Germany.

"You are fighting for the motherland, for her future, and so that nobody forgets the lessons of the Second World War," he said in May at the annual Red Square military parade in Moscow. "There is no place in the world for executioners, killing squads and Nazis."

Unsurprisingly, Putin's blatant nationalist approach initially played well with the legions of hawks who share his rage at Russia's diminished status following the Soviet Union's collapse, and yearn for the days when the Kremlin could strike fear into the hearts of its enemies.

These ultra-nationalist groups have been at the vanguard of Putin's drive to reassert Russian hegemony over Ukraine, as well as many other former Soviet-controlled countries, from the Baltics to Central Asia. Their jingoism has even led them to make some astonishing claims, such as the assertion made by the All-Russian Officers' Assembly early in the war that Moscow was fighting for the "preservation of a white and Christian Europe".

But if the Russian ultras provided Putin with much-needed support in the early stages of the conflict, their absolute commitment to the conquest of Ukraine means their loyalty to the Russian leader has waned the longer the war has continued.

The first rumblings of discontent emerged after the Russian military was forced into a humiliating retreat from Kyiv in March, which was roundly condemned as a failure. Since then the motley collection of military bloggers and veterans groups that form the core of Putin's fan base have voiced their frustration on a range of issues – from the slow progress made by Russian forces to more specific complaints about the army's shortages of drones, ammunition and thermal imaging.

Nor can their complaints be easily dismissed by the Kremlin. As part of Putin's attempts to silence criticism of the Ukraine campaign by pro-democracy activists, such as the prominent dissident Alexei Navalny, the hawks were given free rein to voice their support on the social media app Telegram.

Now, thanks to the devastating defeat the Russians have suffered from Ukraine's brilliantly executed counter-offensive around Kharkiv, the hawks who once represented the bedrock of Putin's support are proving to be his most vociferous critics. And instead of venting their disapproval of the war's progress on the Russian generals responsible for prosecuting the campaign, their ire is being aimed directly at Putin, who is seen as the primary architect of the Russian military's inept performance.

The extent of ultra-nationalist fury at their leader was laid bare at the weekend when, at the very moment Russian troops were being forced to run for their lives by the speed of the Ukrainian advance, Putin chose to visit a park in Moscow to preside over the grand opening of a Ferris wheel. His callous disregard for the fate of Russian soldiers prompted a torrent of abuse. As one pro-Russian blogger commented: "You're throwing a billion-ruble party. What is wrong with you? Not at the time of such horrible failure!"

The growing chorus of criticism directed at the Russian leader from the most vocal cheerleaders for the assault

on Ukraine is particularly troubling for Putin, as it comes at a time when anti-war protesters are also becoming increasingly loud in their criticism of his handling of the conflict.

By far the most overt challenge to Putin's authority to date has been the petition adopted by a group of council members in his home city of St Petersburg calling on him to be removed from office for committing treason.

Previously, such public denouncements of the Russian leader's competence have been ruthlessly suppressed, as is evident from the Kremlin's merciless persecution of Navalny, who is currently said to be languishing in solitary confinement in a dank prison cell.

But it is a different matter entirely when the criticism is coming from Putin's own supporters. It is one of the more sobering facts about modern Russian politics that, if Putin were to be removed from power, the likelihood is that his replacement would come from the cohorts of Russian nationalists, not freedom-loving democrats like Navalny.

This is, therefore, a moment of genuine peril for the Russian leader – one that, unless Russia's military fortunes in Ukraine improve dramatically in the coming weeks, will only get a great deal worse.



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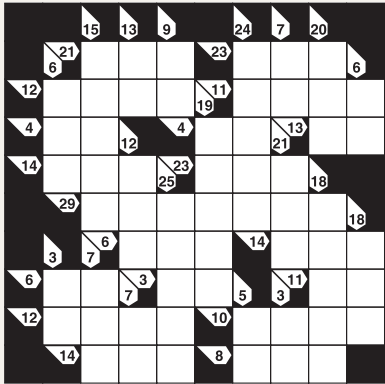
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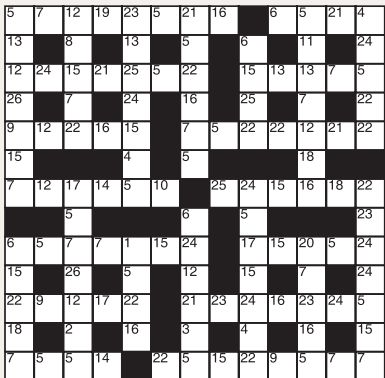
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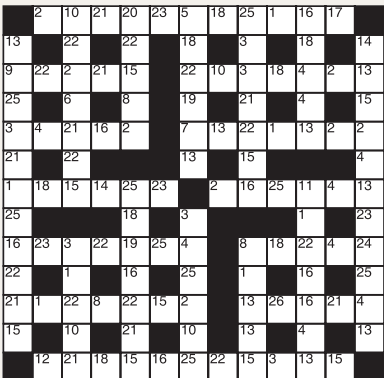


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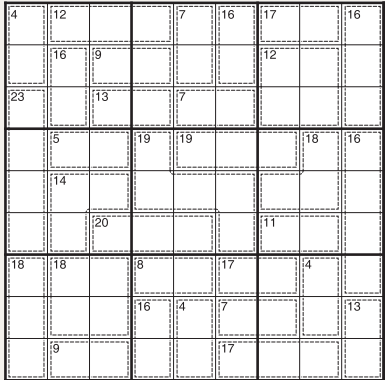


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KILLER SUDOKU

Your clues are the caged numbers that represent the sum of the numbers within the cage. As in standard sudoku, each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. *Solution tomorrow.*

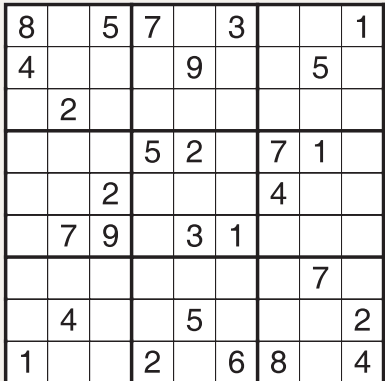
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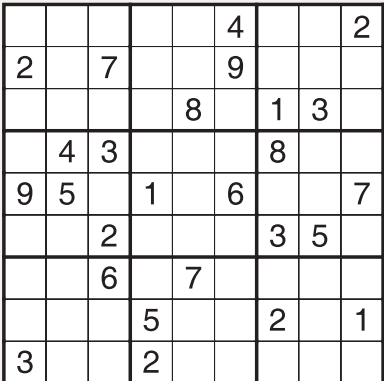
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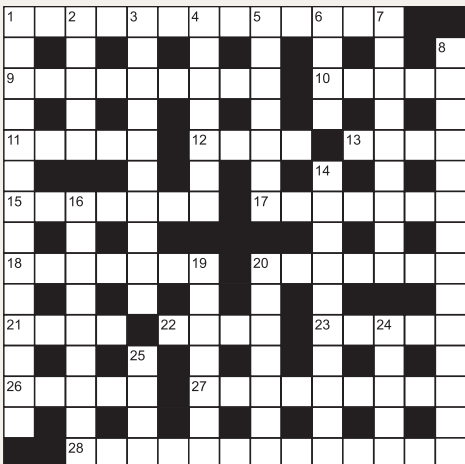
Using the given letters no more than once, make as many words as possible of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Capitalised words and plurals are disallowed. You can also make one word using all the nine available letters. *Solution tomorrow.*



How did you rate?

11 words - Average, 15 - Good, 19 - Very good, 23 - Excellent.

NO 2923
SILVANUS



Across

1 Bear with opinion we formed about article on hotel (6-3-4)
9 French writer's visiting pianist occasionally in city (9)
10 Time-waster is a little scoundrel, dithering around (5)
11 Topless photos, there could be money in them (5)
12 Asian article of clothing, reportedly (4)
13 Ill-treatment in hospital wing (4)
15 Student Frank extremely visible cycling in cloak (7)
17 Parted with profit day after store's closure (7)
18 Found old Conservative worried, being inspired by Liberal Democrat (7)
20 Spontaneous individual assured of success (7)
21 Sound of perhaps husky female at rear of court (4)
22 Discover pair of smalls worn by American (4)
23 Heard cry from cat, unwell in garage, possibly (5)
26 Enhance stew with no end of lamb (5)
27 Deny covering for this regularly absent broker in Wall Street? (9)
28 Relish vaguely unknown place to worship film star (7,6)

Down

1 Those reporting to authorities corruption in football referees? (7-7)
2 Unusual number ready in Bulgaria for revolution (5)
3 Aussie vehicle seen underneath crashed lorries? That's doubtful (10)
4 Beat constable leaders overlooked for highest position in service, maybe (7)
5 Yes, playing with cats will bring delight (7)
6 Nothing to follow essentially cold current savoury dish (4)
7 Shout from New Yorker also aboard ship (9)
8 Charlie stops Native American pocketing fantastic emerald, note the very best (5,2,2,5)
14 Unit to measure heart's maintaining rhythm (10)
16 Triumphs in small Australian state over right-wingers (9)
19 Boy consumes new peeled fruit served up daily (7)
20 Posy of flowers, say, gone rotten (7)
24 Time for wife during flood to make an impression (5)
25 Food store distribution very neglected (4)

Toughie No 2922



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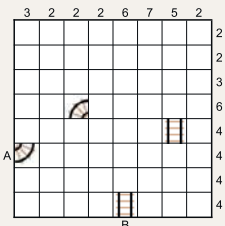
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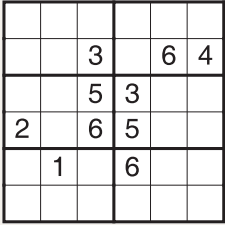
Lay down tracks to allow a train to travel from A to B. Only use straight and curved rails and the track cannot cross itself. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each column and row. *Solution tomorrow.*



MINI SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 2 x 3 box contains the numbers 1-6. *Solution tomorrow.*

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PLUSWORD

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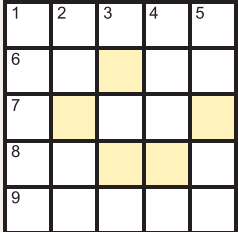
Solve the crossword, then use letters in the shaded squares to complete the additional PlusWord. A letter in a green square appears in the same column in the PlusWord as it does in the crossword; a letter in a yellow square appears in the PlusWord, but in a different column than it does in the crossword. There is only one possible answer for the PlusWord; it may be that the PlusWord contains letters that aren't found in the crossword, but it can always be worked out logically without guessing. *Solution tomorrow.*

Across

1 Saint, the gatekeeper of heaven
6 Extant
7 Ancient Roman garments
8 Type of lyric poem
9 Overhaul

Down

1 Father (Latin)
2 Bolt
3 Offspring of a tiger and a lioness
4 Shirk
5 Repair again



WORD LADDER

Change just one letter to go from the top word to the bottom word. Each step must be a valid word and you cannot change the order of the letters. There are clues below for each rung, but they are not in order. For an extra challenge, try to complete the puzzle without using the clues. *Solution tomorrow.*

BLOOD VESSEL, MEND, SCREEN, FUTILE, MEAT

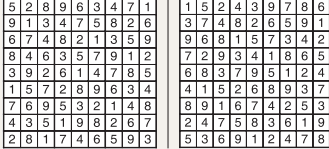
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Yesterday's solutions

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Polyword: Careering, generic, cringer, anergic, racing, racier, encage, cringe, cering, caring, career, careen, cagier, arcing, ricer, racer, nicer, nacre, grace, genic, erica, crier, crane, cigar, ceria, carer, caner, cairn, acing, rice, race, nice, crag, cire, cine, cere, carr, care, cane, cage, acre, acne, acer.

Word Ladder: Pout, tout, taut, tact, tack, tuck, suck, sulk.

Anagrams: 1. Silencer 2. Windscreen 3. Petrol tank.

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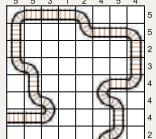
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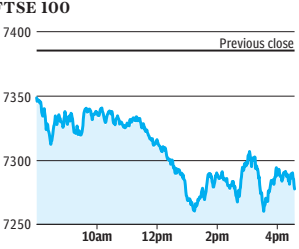
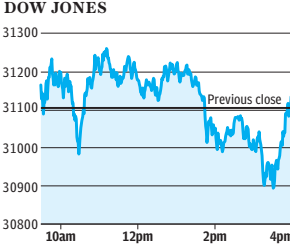
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Energy bill freeze hands suppliers £1.6bn

Companies' margin of 1.9pc preserved under taxpayer-funded squeeze on household fuel costs

By Rachel Millard

THE taxpayer is to fund profits of up to £1.6bn for energy suppliers this year after their earnings were protected in Liz Truss's freeze on household bills.

Businesses will be allowed to make a margin of 1.9pc on energy that they sell to the public through the Prime Minister's subsidy scheme, which caps the average bill at £2,500.

The cost of supplying households is expected to hit more than £80bn over the next year owing to a surge in

wholesale prices. This means that companies will be in line for a £1.6bn profit – even though the Treasury is partly responsible for footing this cost.

Rocketing gas costs over the past year have triggered a cost of living crisis, with average household bills climbing 54pc in April to £1,977.

They were set to increase to £3,549 in October after Ofgem, the energy regulator, raised the price cap on energy bills. The cap, introduced in 2019, changes every three months to reflect wholesale costs.

To avoid plunging households into crisis, Ms Truss stepped in last Thursday to freeze bills at £2,500 a year on average. Under the plans, the Government will pay suppliers the difference between the lower frozen rate and what they would have charged their custom-

ers without the freeze in place. The price cap allows suppliers to make up to 1.9pc in profits under its existing rules, meaning this margin is now being supported by a state subsidy.

Martin Young, an analyst at Investec, said that the margin would be worth about £1.6bn over the next year if the price cap stays at its current level.

Many suppliers will make a smaller profit than the margin allowed, or none at all, by running their business differently than Ofgem expects.

However, the allowance is likely to raise questions for the Government and industry at a time of vast public spending. While many suppliers are struggling, some are backed by large, profitable parent companies, such as British Gas, a division of FTSE 100 company Centrica, and Shell Energy

Retail, part of the oil and gas giant Shell. Ofgem last month opened a review into the levels of profit margin suppliers should be able to make, amid concerns that a flat rate leads to too high profits

£2,500

The cap on average gas and electricity bills in Britain this winter, following the intervention by Liz Truss

when wholesale prices increase.

In papers released at the time, it said: "The EBIT (profit) allowance in the cap scales with customer bills ... This may result in profits being unduly high in a high-price and high-cost environment."

It came as industry leaders warned that businesses risk ruin if forced to wait longer for help on energy bills, as officials battle to offer support in a complicated market.

Companies have a wide range of energy supply contracts, with different arrangements for different industries and individual companies able to negotiate tailored deals with power firms.

The Government hopes to be able to offer support from November, but to backdate it to October to put companies on a par with households.

However, this risks the demise of the most strained companies, which may be unable to cope with extremely large bills next month. Martin McTague, national chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "Energy cost rises are a clear and present danger to

small businesses. It's hard to overstate the level of threat to small firms up and down the country in almost all industries and sectors."

More than 30 suppliers collapsed last year after the timing of the price cap resets prevented them from immediately passing on surges in wholesale costs.

The largest, Bulb, is being bankrolled by the Government under a special administration regime that has already cost taxpayers more than £900m.

A spokesman for Energy UK said: "Most suppliers haven't been making any money with existing profit margin and 30 went out of business last autumn". Ofgem's review should take into account "whether costs are being adequately covered by current methodology", he added.

Financial crisis An employee of Blom bank in Beirut exits through a broken window after the bank was held up by a woman who took \$13,000 (£11,000) that she said were her own savings. Strict limits have been imposed on foreign currency withdrawals in Lebanon amid the financial crisis there. The woman later told journalists she needed the money to pay for her sister's cancer treatment.



Kwarteng may scrap bankers' bonus cap

By Giulia Bottaro

KWASI KWARTENG is considering lifting a cap on bankers' bonuses in an attempt to make the City more competitive globally.

The Chancellor is understood to believe the initiative would attract top talent to Britain amid a scramble to improve London's position against other financial centres such as New York, Frankfurt, Hong Kong and Paris.

Former prime minister Boris Johnson never proposed scrapping the cap, which limits bonuses to twice annual salary, to avoid a backlash.

According to the *Financial Times*, Mr Kwarteng, who has promised a "Big Bang 2.0" in the City driven by post-Brexit rules, told banking executives last week: "We need to be decisive and do things differently." No final decisions have yet been made.

The idea was previously floated in June, when Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer said it would lead to "pay rises for bankers, pay cuts for district nurses".

The measure is part of EU legislation introduced in 2014 in light of the 2008 financial crash but always met Britain's opposition.

Senior Tories say the Chancellor is "unashamedly" looking for solutions to boost growth, according to the *FT*.

Mr Kwarteng would contrast potential criticism by placing the measure in the context of a wider £150bn state package to support families and businesses through the energy crunch.

The new government's mini-budget is due next week, although it is understood City reforms may be postponed.

Richard Gnodde, of Goldman Sachs, told the *FT* lifting the cap would make "London a more attractive place for sure". He said that currently, "if I move a senior person between New York and London I am driving up the fixed cost of our operations. If that rule doesn't exist, I don't have to think about that."

'Something awry' as Naked Wines director leaves after three weeks

By Hannah Boland

NAKED Wines has lost more than a third of its value after a director who spent just three weeks in the role stepped down, prompting speculation that "something has gone awry".

The online wine seller announced that Pratham Ravi, an analyst with one of Naked Wine's largest shareholders, Punch Card Capital, had resigned as a non-executive director with immediate effect. Mr Ravi only joined the Naked

Wines board on Aug 25. Florida investor Punch Card holds around a 10pc stake in Naked Wines, according to the latest filings.

The resignation has taken investors and analysts by surprise. Wayne Brown, who covers the stock for Liberum, said the exit suggested "something has gone somewhat awry". He cut his target price on the company by a third. Davy branded the update "enigmatic".

Punch Card did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A

spokesman said Naked Wines could not comment on the reasons behind Mr Ravi's departure.

News of Mr Ravi's departure came as Naked said it is reviewing its finances for the next 18 months and announced talks with lenders over its credit facility.

In a statement on Tuesday night, Naked Wines said its focus was "on developing plans demonstrating increased profitability, cost restraint and improved payback".

It promised a further update when it

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issues a trading statement in October. Davy analysts said: "We are unsure quite what to make of that – there is clearly some strategic introspection at work and seemingly possible tension around credit facilities."

Mr Brown said: "The business update talks about cost-cutting, focusing on profitability going forward, which we interpret as a change in strategy and not being so aggressive on growth."

"This could imply a smaller business in the future and reining in ambitions, which makes sense considering how poor key performance indicators are."

Lee Wild, head of equity strategy at Interactive Investor, which holds more than a million Naked Wines shares on behalf of its customers, said: "It's a very

odd set of circumstances, something that you don't see very often. There are clearly problems at the business, and have been for some time.

"Whatever's wrong and going on internally, it's clear that there's a lot of hard work needed to put it right."

Shares in Naked Wine slumped 38pc yesterday, worsening a slide which has wiped almost 90pc off its value over the past year. Naked Wines warned in June that it was facing growing struggles hanging on to customers.

Food price surge fastest since 2008

By Szu Ping Chan

FOOD prices jumped at the fastest pace since 2008 last month, as economists warned that "ugly" increases were spreading through the economy.

Food and drink prices were 13.1pc higher in August compared with a year ago, the largest jump since August 2008.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said some

dairy products were 40pc more expensive, while meat prices were up by a fifth.

Prices, as measured by the consumer prices index (CPI), rose 9.9pc across the economy in the year to August. This was down from 10.1pc in July and slightly lower than analysts' estimates for a double-digit rise.

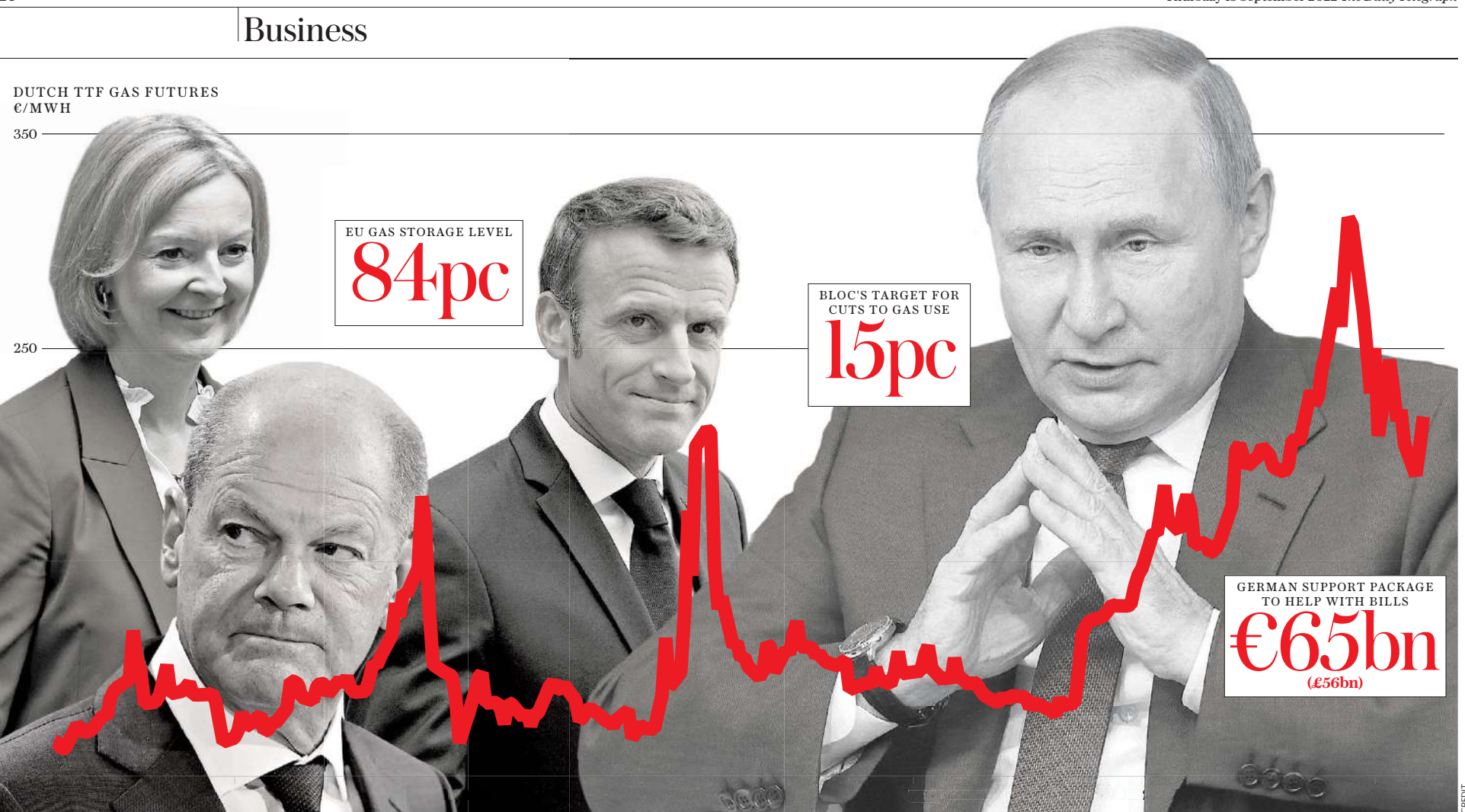
The headline rate fell for the first time in almost a year thanks to a decline in petrol and diesel costs.

Benjamin Nabarro, an economist at Citi, described the data as "ugly, but expected".

He said the increase in core inflation suggested further "forceful" action from the Bank of England was necessary to keep a lid on prices.

The figures will fuel further pressure for a steep rate increase when the Bank announces its decision on Sept 22. Markets are betting on a 0.75 percentage point rise, the steepest in 30 years.





Putin’s gas blackmail in danger of backfiring as Europe stiffens resolve

It will be a painful winter. But the Continent is finding a way to keep the lights on without Russian fuel, writes *Matt Oliver*

As Europe battles to keep the lights on this winter, leaders across the Continent have begun framing the energy stand-off with Russia as an epic struggle between good and evil. “It is about autocracy against democracy,” said Ursula von der Leyen,

the European Commission’s president, in her annual address yesterday. Her rhetoric, a far cry from past calls for diplomacy, is the latest example of hardening European attitudes amid signs the tide may finally be turning – on and off the battlefield in Ukraine. With Kyiv’s soldiers pushing back the Russian invaders and the European Union comfortably exceeding targets for gas storage, academics and experts say that – although the coming months will be among the hardest in living memory – Vladimir Putin no longer holds the leverage he once did over the Continent’s gas supplies. The Russian president has mercilessly throttled flows into Europe this summer, pushing up household energy bills and forcing governments to announce support packages of an unprecedented scale to protect

consumers. But after playing many of his strongest cards in the stand-off with EU leaders, who have supported Ukraine and sanctioned Russia, Putin’s weaponisation of gas is now at risk of spectacularly backfiring, according to John Lough, an associate fellow at Chatham House. “What Putin has now is probably a declining asset,” says the former Nato representative to Moscow. “He could make threats for a while, see gas prices go up, and send European governments into a panic. “But it now rather looks as though we’re going to get through this winter. It might take some European economies into recession, but it’s not going to be fatal.” This cautious sense of optimism comes after a months-long effort by EU member states such as Germany to cut

gas consumption, secure alternative supplies and fill up storage facilities. But it is also because, having already cut deliveries to levels that would have been unthinkable previously, Russia now has few ways left to ratchet up the pressure further without causing pain to itself. Jack Sharples, a researcher at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, says that while pipeline flows from Russia to the Continent averaged nearly 490m cubic metres (1.7bn cubic feet) per day in the first half of September 2019, this year they have been about 80m per day. The crunch is the inevitable result of the Kremlin’s decision to steadily switch off almost all of the key pipelines running to Europe. Nevertheless, while the “huge” reductions in flows have left gas markets tight and prone to sharp price swings, Sharples notes that Putin has now “done most of the damage he can”. Nathan Piper, head of oil and gas at Investec, says this means many of the factors that will determine how difficult the winter actually is for Europe, such as how cold and windy the weather is, are out of his hands. “We’ve had Putin play a lot of his cards. He does still have further gas flows he can restrict,” he says. “But really, the key now is how much gas demand there is going to be in the winter as temperatures drop.” With Europe buying in huge quantities of liquefied natural gas to replace lost Russian supplies, and EU states cutting consumption by 15pc, analysts at Goldman Sachs this week predicted that gas prices will actually

steadily fall this winter to less than half of their current levels. At the height of concerns about Nord Stream 1 in August, the European benchmark for gas futures peaked at €345 (£298) per megawatt hour. It was trading at €215 yesterday but Goldman predicted the price will fall below €100 in the first three months of 2023, when Germany is expected to open five new floating terminals for accepting LNG supplies. More concerning for Putin, sustaining Russia’s low deliveries to Europe may also end up costing Russia in lost output in the long run, even if it triggers energy rationing or even blackouts among customer countries. *‘The key now is how much gas demand there is going to be in the winter as temperatures drop’* Since the early stages of the conflict, state-owned firm Gazprom has been able to funnel unsold gas into domestic storage facilities for safekeeping. It has also been observed “flaring”, or burning, some excess gas. But the storage sites are now almost full and Russia lacks the infrastructure needed to divert all the gas previously produced for Europe to buyers in Asia. That may force the company to instead cut production and seal up wells – a move that would be costly and technically difficult to reverse later. The Kremlin yesterday attempted to

play down the loss of gas sales to Europe on Russia’s economy. “Europe is not the only consumer of natural gas and not the only continent that needs natural gas,” spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, suggesting that trade with Asia would compensate for any losses. But Chatham House’s Lough says the scale of the own-goal will not be lost on those within the Kremlin, even if they are putting on a brave face in public. “Within just a few months, Putin has destroyed a highly successful 50-year relationship between Moscow and Europe,” he says. Most of the experts cautioned that even as Russia’s gas gambit backfires, the winter will still be difficult for Europe. Countries such as Germany may be plunged into recession, while a prolonged cold spell could trigger supply shortages and even blackouts. To shield households and businesses from the worst of the impacts, the British Government last week unveiled a package that economists said is likely to be the most expensive peacetime intervention ever, eclipsing even the £70bn Covid furlough scheme. But as she rallied MEPs in Brussels to the cause yesterday, Von der Leyen warned that the stakes remained dramatic, “not just for Ukraine but for all of Europe and the world at large”. She added: “We will be tested – by those who want to exploit any kind of division between us. “I stand here with the conviction that, with the necessary courage and with the necessary solidarity, Putin will fail and Ukraine and Europe will prevail.”

Cold winter could spark social unrest in Europe, warns IMF chief

By Rachel Millard EUROPE could face social unrest if there is a cold winter, the head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has suggested, as Brussels prepares a €140bn (£121bn) raid on the energy industry to help solve the crisis. Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, raised the spectre of unrest in Europe if it proves to be a particularly “harsh” winter. “There is certainly fear of recession

in some countries, or even if it is not recession, that it would feel like recession this winter,” she said. “If Mother Nature decides not to cooperate, and the winter is actually harsh, that could lead to some social unrest.” Ms Georgieva said the European Central Bank needed to be “mindful of the necessity to keep the economy going” while also fighting inflation. The EU yesterday unveiled a plan to cap power producers’ revenue and raid oil and gas producers’ profits. Ursula von der Leyen, president of the Euro-

pean Commission, said it was “wrong” for companies to be making record profits amid energy shortages due to Russia’s war on Ukraine, and the money should be shared. She set out plans to cap the sales of energy from nuclear power stations, wind and solar farms at €180 per MWh, well below half current prices, and to tax oil, gas, coal and refining firms 33pc of their surplus profit. The Commission is also putting forward a target for countries to cut electricity use by 5pc, to try to save electricity and gas.

33pc The tax on oil, gas, coal and refining firms’ surplus profit that is being brought in by the European Union Cuts to Russian gas supplies to Europe since it invaded Ukraine have thrown energy markets into disarray, triggering a cost of living crisis in Europe and the UK and forcing some

heavy industry to shut production. Figures from Eurostat yesterday showed industrial production fell by 2.3pc in the eurozone and 1.6pc in the EU between June and July. The biggest decreases were in Ireland and Estonia. The energy shortages have been worsened by outages within France’s nuclear fleet as well as low hydropower reservoirs. “In these times, profits must be shared and channelled to those who need it most,” Ms Von der Leyen told the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Member states will be able to use the funds raised to help households and businesses through the crisis. Several European governments have put in place steps to shield consumers from rising bills. France yesterday said power and gas price increases would be capped at 15pc next year, after it kept gas prices frozen and limited electricity price rises to 4pc this year. In the UK, the Government is stepping in to cap energy bills at an average of £2,500, which is still almost double the average level last October.

Women perceive prices rising faster than men, says ECB

By Szu Ping Chan WOMEN believe prices rise faster than men as they do most of the shopping and prefer “round numbers”, according to the European Central Bank. The central bank, which said its research stereotypes, said men cared more about house prices, cars and other transport costs, while women worried more about the weekly food shop. “The predominant role of perceived food inflation holds for both women and men but is especially true for women,” the ECB said. It added that the gap in expectations between the sexes was so large that women believed price rises were a percentage point higher than men. It also said inflation perceptions differed by age, referring to a separate ECB paper that stated: “Older respondents form their expectations when using insights of a whole lifetime, which makes them less perceptive to current rates.” The ECB said women were “more likely to report round numbers in their inflation expectations” as they were “more uncertain” about how fast prices were rising. “Women are more likely than men to report multiples of 10 or of five, whereas men are more likely to report either single non-rounded digits or even decimal places,” the blog said.



Crowd pleaser Christie’s will offer LS Lowry’s *Going to the Match* for a guide price of £5m to £8m on Oct 19. The Players Foundation is selling the painting to help its charitable work.

Berlin in talks to nationalise stricken energy giant Uniper

By James Warrington GERMAN ministers are in talks to nationalise the struggling energy giant Uniper in a bid to steer the country’s energy system away from collapse. Germany’s biggest gas importer was handed a support package worth €19bn (£16.4bn) in July, but already needs more help as the energy crisis deepens. Uniper said: “The parties are looking into alternative solutions, inter alia a straight equity increase that would result in a significant majority participation by the German government.” Chancellor Olaf Scholz’s government took a 30pc stake in Uniper as part of the rescue deal agreed with the company and its Finnish parent Fortum over the summer. At the time, Klaus-Dieter Maubach, chief executive, said Berlin could end up increasing its stake to more than 50pc. Uniper said no decisions had yet been taken. Shares in the company dropped as much as 20pc to an all-time low, wiping almost €350m off its market valuation. A surge in wholesale gas prices and Vladimir Putin’s supply cuts have triggered millions of losses for Uniper as it was forced to replace lost supplies at sky-high prices. The crisis pushed the company to a loss of €12.3bn for the first half of the

year, leaving it teetering on the brink of collapse. Uniper has already secured €13bn of credit lines from the state, most of which it has already drawn. It asked the government for more help last month, raising the bill for its bailout to €19bn. The deepening crisis raises the possibility of a full nationalisation by Berlin. Such a move would also require the support of Fortum, which is still in talks with the company alongside Germany’s **€19bn** Support package handed to Germany’s biggest gas importer in July. Uniper now requires a further injection of cash economy ministry. Harald Seegatz, head of Uniper’s workers’ council and its deputy supervisory board chairman, said it would welcome the government taking a majority stake, citing the security that would provide. Any move to nationalise Uniper would follow similar events in France as Europe struggles to shore up energy supplies and keep prices under control. Emmanuel Macron’s government is poised to pay almost €10bn to fully nationalise France’s power giant EDF.

Star manager Smith closes struggling fund

Fundsmith to wind up emerging equities trust as its performance has ‘fallen below expectations’

By Lauren Almeida

STAR investor Terry Smith is to shut his £319m emerging markets investment trust, following a slump in its share price over the past year.

Fundsmith said that it will wind up the Fundsmith Emerging Equities investment trust and delist it from the London Stock Exchange, subject to shareholder approval. Cash proceeds arising from the sale of its portfolio will

be returned to investors. The company added that if shareholders approve the decision, liquidation will take place by the end of November.

Shares in the trust, which is managed by Michael O’Brien, shot up 11pc in early trading this morning. Prior to the announcement, the shares had returned 8pc in the past three years, compared with 9pc from its average rival and 34pc across the global stock market. The trust traded at a 14pc discount to the value of its net assets.

Mr Smith said: “We have always maintained that we would only run funds where we felt we had a particular edge that would allow us to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns.

“Whilst Fundsmith Emerging Equi-

ties Trust has made a positive return since launch in 2014 it has fallen below our expectations and, unlike other fund managers who might seek to hold on to the fund for the sake of the fee income, we feel it would be in the best interests of shareholders to receive their investment back in cash through a liquidation of the portfolio and wind-up of the company.”

Fundsmith Emerging Equities charged investors a fee of 1.3pc, compared with a sector average of 1.08pc, according to data compiled by the Association of Investment Companies, a trade body.

In its last half-year report, Mr O’Brien blamed weak performance on problems across emerging markets, including

Terry Smith said he felt it would be in the best interests of shareholders to have their investment returned in cash

inflation, rising interest rates and the war in Ukraine.

Mr O’Brien wrote last month: “The current emerging market environment is tough, with a number of events which you would not arguably expect to occur more than once in a generation (and in many cases much less frequently).

“These include material interest rate rises, stagflation, a major European war,

a pandemic and major supply chain disruption all occurring within a period of a few months.”

Emerging markets have suffered this year, as the rising risk of a global recession and higher borrowing costs have prompted investors to flee the region.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index, which tracks the biggest companies in countries such as China, India and Taiwan, has fallen 4pc in the year to date.

A strong American dollar has added to investor concerns, as most emerging market debt is denominated in the US currency.

Jason Hollands, of the broker Bestinvest, said that it was hard to think of an example in recent history of a fund manager deciding to fire themselves

from a portfolio that was earning them fee income.

He said: “In the grand scheme of things though, the management of a £319m portfolio looks like a distraction for the firm whose flagship product, the developed market focused Fundsmith Equity fund, towers at £23.5bn.”

Dzmitry Lipski, of the rival broker Interactive Investor, noted it was unusual the trust had decided to liquidate. “We are a little surprised to see, to date, no talk of a potential rollover option,” he said. A rollover would move shareholders over into a different investment trust or open-ended fund. “Structured in the right way, they can be tax efficient and give investors the option to sell at a time of their choosing.”

Irish property market returns to pre-financial crisis level

By Simon Foy

IRISH property prices have bounced back to levels not witnessed since before the 2008 financial crisis as the market recovers from a pandemic-induced lull.

In the year to July, residential property prices jumped by 13pc to surpass levels last recorded in 2007, when a credit-fuelled boom triggered a property crash that decimated Ireland’s housing market.

Analysts have this time attributed price growth to a lack of supply rather than excessive credit, making housing a key political issue in the country.

While prices have continued to grow rapidly, the 13pc jump in July represents the slowest rate of growth in nearly a year. In the year to June, prices climbed by 14pc.

When the credit-fuelled property bubble burst in 2008, rafts of housing estates under construction in Ireland were left unfinished and unoccupied.

Despite the recovery in prices, the lack of supply has become a key political issue in Dublin with Sinn Féin capitalising on the government’s failures in this area and making it the most popular party in the country, according to the latest opinion polls.

Property prices grew most rapidly outside of Dublin at 15pc, while residential property prices in the capital were 10pc higher than a year earlier, according to the central statistics office.

Conall Mac Coille, chief economist at broker Davy, said: “Irish housing market activity is clearly still recovering from the disruption of Covid-19, for now resilient to economic uncertainty and the prospect of further European Central Bank rate hikes due to pent-up demand and the healthy labour market.”



Curds and whey A worker makes tofu from soya beans at a factory in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. The consumption of tofu is rising as more people across the world adopt a vegan or vegetarian diet. Its market is forecast to reach £2.7bn by 2026, according to a report by Indian research company IndustryARC.

House prices add £39,000 in year to rise at fastest rate since 2003

By Alexa Phillips

HOUSE prices rose by 15.5pc in the past year, as values increased at the fastest rate for almost 20 years.

The average cost of a home in the UK was £292,000 in July, £39,000 more than a year ago, according to the Office for National Statistics. This is the biggest annual percentage rise since

May 2003. The statistics agency said the increase was so high because house prices fell last July after the stamp duty holiday ended. Buyers had rushed to complete their purchases in June 2021 to take advantage of the tax relief.

The biggest price rise in the last year was in Wales, where properties sold for 17.6pc more than the previous year. The average price was £220,000. House

prices in England were up 16.4pc, to £312,000, while in Scotland they rose by 9.9pc, reaching £193,000.

The lowest increase was in Northern Ireland, where homes are worth 9.6pc more than last year. The average property is priced at £169,000. On a regional basis, London lagged behind other areas with house prices rising by 9.2pc.

Lawrence Bowles, of estate agent

Savills, said he expected price growth to slow soon as many buyers were rushing to complete transactions in order to secure lower mortgage rates. The Bank of England is expected to increase interest rates further next week.

“We may see interest rates peak after the next rise and start to come down again,” Mr Bowles said.

Gabriella Dickens, of Pantheon

Macroeconomics, said: “The sharp jump in the year-over-year growth rate in house prices does not necessarily mean the housing market is weathering the storm of surging mortgage rates.”

She said “near-term momentum will not be sustained”, adding that the official data refer to transactions that were completed in July, which would have been agreed a few months

earlier, before mortgage rates started to rise significantly.

Ms Dickens said: “Looking ahead, we expect house prices to fall outright in the second half of the year, given the size of the rise in mortgage rates.”

She said the increased desire for more space to work from home and fears over cladding issues in tower blocks had influenced prices.

Aston Martin gears up for £150m battle over hypercar

By Gareth Corfield

ASTON Martin is gearing up to fight a £150m legal case launched by a Swiss car dealership amid a bitter falling-out over its £2.5m Valkyrie super sports car.

The British luxury carmaker is facing what it calls a “retaliatory” suit brought against it by the company behind what was one of its top outlets in Switzerland.

Details of the London arbitration claim emerged in a prospectus issued by Aston Martin last week. The case sheds fresh light on Aston’s dispute with the Swiss business, Nebula Project AG, amid a fire-sale share issue at a 78pc discount from the company’s stock market price in an attempt to shore up its business.

Nebula Project was an offshoot of a Swiss hypercar dealership that formed a partnership with Aston. Nebula was entitled to 3pc royalties on each car sold through the deal, totalling £150m.

The partnership was supposed to sell a new supercar called the Valkyrie. Yet the deal fell apart after Aston Martin accused Nebula and its directors of pocketing customer deposits instead of passing them on to the carmaker.

Florian Kamelger, one of Nebula’s

directors, said: “I cannot comment because of the confidentiality of the arbitration process. In my own respects, I disagree substantially with Aston Martin in the things they mentioned.”

The breakdown in relations has triggered a slew of legal action. Mr Kamelger and his Nebula co-founder, Andreas Baenziger, are facing criminal proceedings in Switzerland. They have separately launched arbitration action against Aston, as disclosed in the filing last week.

Mr Kamelger confirmed he and Mr Baenziger are contesting the criminal proceedings. Nebula views Aston Martin’s termination of the deal as being in breach of contract. A binding arbitration clause in the contract means the dispute will be resolved behind closed doors.

A spokesman for Aston said: “Aston Martin filed civil legal proceedings against Nebula Project AG, and criminal proceedings against its board members, after we became aware that Nebula had failed to pay what the company believes to be millions of pounds of deposits taken from our Valkyrie programme customers. We are confident in our legal position and believe their counter-claims are retaliatory and without merit.”



Autumn days Models on the catwalk for the Adeam show during New York Fashion Week. Designer Hanako Maeda is celebrating 10 years since she founded the label.

Zara owner prepares for winter supply chain chaos

By Laura Onita

INDITEX, the world’s largest fashion retailer and owner of Zara, is preparing to ramp up manufacturing and stockpile clothing amid fears that supply chain chaos will trigger shortages this winter.

The company, which also owns Massimo Dutti and Pull & Bear, said it has increased production of its autumn and winter ranges “in the face of possible supply chain tensions”.

The Spanish retailer said the value of its inventory at the end of July was €3.6bn (£3.1bn), around 43pc higher than the same time last year.

Inditex’s flexible supply chain structure means it is able to get fashion trends from the catwalk into its high street shops within weeks. The retailer sends new designs to stores every two weeks on average. Its competitors traditionally change theirs every two or three months.

This has made the retailer largely immune to some of the supply chain disruption its rivals have experienced in recent years owing to the pandemic.

But yesterday, chief executive Oscar Garcia said “increasing inventory at the

beginning of the season is something you are hearing widely from other market participants”, adding that Inditex was no exception.

Mr Garcia told analysts that the “temporary” move to stockpile goods only applied to basic items such as underwear or T-shirts that are made in Asia.

42pc

Rise in pre-tax profit, to €2.3bn, at the fashion retailer in the six months to the end of July as sales rose by 25pc

A spokesman said the decision “isn’t a change to the business model”.

About 60pc of Inditex’s clothing is made in Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Morocco, which can be transported to shops swiftly.

Inditex yesterday posted a 24.5pc rise in sales to €14.8bn in the six months to the end of July and a 42pc increase in pre-tax profit to €2.3bn, partly because of an increase in its prices. Shares in Inditex rose as much as 6pc to €23.25.

Holidaymakers braced for travel delays as French air traffic controllers strike over pay

By Oliver Gill

BRITISH travellers are bracing for further chaos as French air traffic controllers go on strike this weekend.

Half of flights to and from French airports are expected to be grounded tomorrow as staff walk out in a row over pay and working conditions.

Flights to the UK risk disruption as

airlines are forced to divert around French airspace.

It raises the risk of similar chaotic scenes to the ones seen across Europe this summer. Hours-long queues, cancellations and delays marred the reopening of the skies after Covid restrictions were lifted as the aviation industry struggled with chronic staffing shortages. Airlines were forced to scrap

thousands of flights to wrest control of the situation.

In some cases, this was at the behest of airports such as at Heathrow, which forced airlines to cap flight numbers to avoid being overwhelmed.

French aviation regulator DGAC warned that “cancellations and significant delays are to be expected” across the country tomorrow despite preven-

‘Cancellations and significant delays are to be expected across the country despite preventative action’

tative measures being implemented. The Syndicat National des Contrôleurs du Trafic Aérien (SNCTA) union said

action was necessary as its members grappled with real-terms pay cuts amid soaring inflation.

It added: “Between 2029 and 2035, one third of the [air traffic control] workforce is retiring. It is imperative that we anticipate and plan recruitment.

“If not, the consequences will be inevitable in terms of the public service,

working conditions and flexibility.” More industrial action by the union is planned for Sept 28 to Sept 30.

The French strikes come as restrictions will be imposed across London airspace in the coming days ahead of Queen Elizabeth II’s funeral.

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Cruise by local riverboat along two different rivers that meet near Santarém, but don't mix immediately. Watch the waters of the Tapajós and the Amazon flow in parallel – one stream clear, the other muddy

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Ben Marlow

Iceland's smooth boss doesn't need our money

Richard Walker may be genuine in his desire to help the poor and underprivileged, but taxpayers don't owe him a handout

For a man who sells frozen fishfingers and choc ices for a living, Iceland boss Richard Walker has an awful lot to say about the challenges facing the world today.

Not content with flogging cheap frozen food to the masses, Walker moonlights as a commentator, appearing regularly on the *Today* programme, *Question Time* and *Good Morning Britain* to talk about pressing issues, though still not quite as often as doom prophet Martin Lewis. Walker also pens his own blog on subjects as varied as Ukraine, levelling up and, predictably, climate change.

What's wrong with that, you ask? Well, nothing on the face of it. In fact, the world would be a more colourful place if more business leaders had the courage to speak out on major issues.

Instead, social media and ESG extremism have created a perverse world in which business leaders too often remain silent on the real matters of the day such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine – or, even worse, sit on the fence because they are too terrified of offending either side.

However, it seems most major corporations that do speak up feel duty-bound to throw their weight behind every radical woke campaign going from taking the knee to pronoun name badges in the workplace, for fear of becoming the latest target of a Leftist Twitter hate mob.

Walker isn't afraid to tackle meaty subjects. Indeed some *Question Time* viewers were so offended by his support for Priti Patel's Rwanda deportation policy that they laughably threatened to never shop at Iceland again.

It highlights the sort of silly, knee-jerk responses that companies face – customers boycotting frozen lasagnes because they are offended by a chief executive's point of view on a perfectly mainstream subject.

But efforts to set himself up as a representative of the poor and the dispossessed are not entirely convincing. That's not to say his concern is altogether disingenuous. Iceland has launched several initiatives to help struggling customers, including 1p vegetables, although a buy-now, pay-later scheme sold as "micro-loans" was less well-received, with Labour MP Stella Creasy branding it "deeply disingenuous".

'Gas prices have left businesses stamping their feet and demanding support now'

Walker told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme yesterday that the Government must ride to the rescue of businesses "big and small" because inflation isn't about to suddenly go away, despite signs it has peaked. Food prices in particular would probably continue to rise, he said.

Iceland's track record when it comes to state handouts isn't great, to put it mildly, a point on which the BBC failed to challenge him. The chain was given a huge Treasury lifeline during the Covid crisis and never paid the money back despite its stores remaining open.

Worse was the way in which Iceland's bosses behaved after receiving this generous taxpayer support. True, they had to cope with the standard "direct costs" of the pandemic such as PPE and till screens, as well as having to employ additional staff to cope with the spike in demand.

But soon after the business was given an estimated £46m through the Covid business rates relief scheme, Walker's father Sir Malcolm and chief executive Tarsem Dhalniwal bought out Iceland's majority shareholder and took full control of the company.

The sight of already-wealthy entrepreneurs consolidating their business interests via some opportunistic deal-making after a handout was not an edifying one.

There's another elephant in the room when Walker is pushing for a bailout while professing to care deeply about those affected by the cost of living crisis, and that's Iceland's finances.

The business has long operated a debt-heavy business model, which has benefited its owners but leaves it vulnerable to sudden swings in the economic cycle.

A £550m bond that needs to be repaid in 2025 has been trading at distressed levels of as low as 73p in the pound in recent weeks after ratings agency Moody cut the chain's creditworthiness and warned of refinancing risks, along with the possibility of further downgrades.

Analysts say soaring costs including energy and inflation have left its balance sheet looking increasingly precarious. Iceland is especially exposed to spiralling refrigeration charges and will be hit by a doubling of its electricity bill this year, Moodys says. Soaring gas prices have left businesses stamping their feet and demanding support now.

The Government cannot leave companies to fend for themselves, particularly when households are being bailed out.

But the danger is that the pandemic has created a dependency culture in which individuals and companies expect the state to ride to the rescue any time things get tough. After all the waste and fraud that plagued the Covid support schemes, it is essential that Government gets it right this time.

Nor can ministers be expected to prop up businesses whose problems are, to a large extent, of their own making. In the pandemic, those that had over-stretched themselves during the good times, and had a wealthy benefactor to fall back on, were ordered to stand on their own two feet.

This time is no different. There will be lots of businesses deserving of taxpayer money in the current crisis, but Iceland isn't one of them.

In their drive to control inflation, central bankers risk the economy



BEN WRIGHT

Policymakers are behaving like the Berlin zookeepers who wanted to kill Knut the polar bear

Right, which would you prefer: the good news or the bad news? It's probably best to start by looking on the bright side. It will take less time.

The UK's annual rate of consumer price inflation fell to 9.9pc in August, down from 10.1pc in July, according to the Office for National Statistics. This was below expectations. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the inflation rate would rise to 10.2pc.

The slight drop was mostly the result of a fall in petrol prices, which are down by 7pc over the last month and mean you no longer have to sell a kidney to fill up your car. Likewise in the US, the consumer prices index fell to 8.3pc last month compared with August last year, down from an annual rate of 8.5pc recorded in July and 9.1pc in June.

So is it time to declare "mission accomplished" in the fight against inflation? Have price rises peaked? Not quite.

The glass-half-empty news is that the prices of lots of things are still spiking. Inflation in food and non-alcoholic drinks in the UK is now 13.1pc, with milk, cheese and eggs leading the charge. This is particularly worrying as it is likely to hit poorer households hardest.

The fall in the oil price suggests that global energy markets are starting to adjust to the reduction in supply caused by the West's sanctions on Russia. But it's only early September; energy bills could easily start rising again as we head into the colder weather.

Even if we are approaching peak inflation (and that's a big "if") there are growing worries that it will stay well above central bank targets for much longer than previously hoped. The cost of living squeeze may relax a little but it will have us all in its vice-like grip for some time to come.

Underlying inflation measures in the US have hit multi-decade highs. The UK, like the US, is also suffering from rising services inflation, which was up to 5.9pc in August compared with 5.7pc the month before. There are signs that the kind of wage-price spiral, which is most feared by central bankers because it feeds on itself to form a vicious cycle, may be taking hold.

"Inflation has not peaked yet," says Paul Dales, the chief UK economist at Capital Economics. "We think CPI inflation will rise to 11pc later this year and that the tight labour market will keep underlying inflationary pressures strong until early next year. As a result, the Bank of England will have to continue turning the screws."

Investors are worried that we are getting to the point where central bankers may feel they have to tip their economies into a recession in order to tame runaway price rises. Hopes of a so-called "soft landing" for the global economy are beginning to feel like wishful thinking.

Markets took fright on Tuesday. The three main market indices in the

Food for thought

CPI and RPI inflation



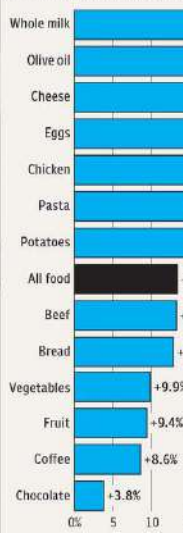
Petrol prices have cooled but remain high

Annual motor fuel inflation



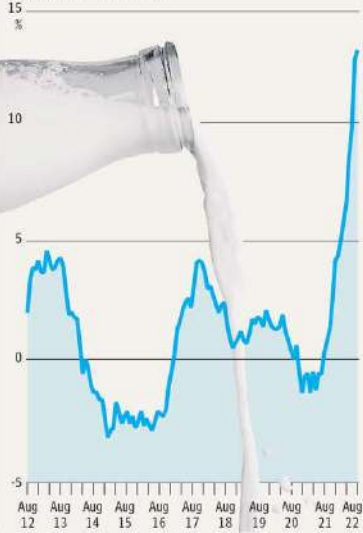
Which food products have increased the most?

Annual inflation to August 2022



Food and drink prices are rising

Yearly percentage change



US suffered their worst day since June 2020, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 and Nasdaq following by 3.9pc, 4.4pc, and 5.2pc respectively.

Mark Cabana, the global head of US rates strategy at Bank of America, spoke for many in the market when he expressed his worries that the Fed is going to overcorrect: "We think that the Fed will try to stick to this higher-for-longer mantra. That's probably going to result in a recession."

Central bankers are in an unenviable position. They must choose between death by a thousand price rises or the electroshock therapy of massive interest rate hikes. Which will be more debilitating: disease or cure?

The bums seated in Threadneedle Street will be squeakier than most. The Government's plan to cap household energy bills at £2,500 may very well knock the top off peak inflation. But will it result in people having more money to spend on other items, thus pushing up prices in other categories?

'Central bankers must choose between death by a thousand price rises or massive rate rises'

And, if the Fed goes big with rate hikes that put turbo-thrusters on the value of the dollar, will the Bank have to follow suit just to protect the pound and keep a lid on the cost of imports? Are these even the right questions to be asking?

Danny Blanchflower, a former member of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, has repeatedly pointed out an uncomfortable truth: recessions can hurt more than inflation. He recently wrote that "a one percentage point rise in the unemployment rate ... hurts at least five times more [in well-being terms] than a one percentage point rise in inflation".

The investment firm BlackRock had estimated that quickly bringing inflation down to the Fed's target would require a deep recession in the US with the economy contracting by 2pc and three million more workers being added to the dole queue. It suspects things would be even more dire in Europe.

To drive home the point, Blackstone

likens the current dilemma faced by central bankers to that confronted by zookeepers who looked after Knut the polar bear after he was rejected by his mother shortly after being born at Berlin Zoo in 2006. Initially the cub was hand reared by bottle. But some argued it would be better for Knut to die than be raised by humans.

"To our mind, central bankers seem to have a bit of a 'let the bear die' mentality right now," say Jean Boivin and Alex Brazier of the BlackRock Investment Institute. Policymakers seem unwilling to acknowledge that raising interest rates to reduce inflation will hurt growth.

It is undoubtedly uncomfortable living with constantly ratcheting price rises. But, in our headlong rush to solve one problem it is certainly worth asking: are we absolutely sure that the alternative isn't worse?

A media frenzy and widespread protests ultimately saved Knut's life. It's not clear whether the economy will get a similar reprieve.

Businesses must not get a blank cheque for energy bills



JULIAN JESSOP

The Government should take its time and ensure any bailout only helps companies that need one

Many businesses are rightly worried about the soaring cost of energy, and the likely delay before they will be able to access the rescue package being put together by the Government. Unfortunately, there are good reasons why they will have to be patient.

The new "energy price guarantee" will cap the unit price of gas and electricity for households for two years, starting on Oct 1, with the government compensating suppliers for any additional costs. This part of the package is relatively straightforward, mainly because it simply extends the existing Ofgem cap on domestic bills.

We also already know that similar support will be offered to businesses and other non-domestic users of energy, such as schools, initially for a period of six months.

But it is unclear how this will be delivered and this support may not begin until November. Some businesses will therefore still face huge increases in their energy bills in the coming weeks.

There is no simple way around this. For a start, the case for universal

support for businesses is weaker than for households. As it is, the energy price guarantee is another massive state intervention in the markets which will subsidise the energy bills of every household regardless of need, and could be eye-wateringly expensive. Indeed, any half-decent economist could have come up with a better targeted, more efficient and cheaper "Plan A".

None the less, the chosen "Plan B" is at least simple and easy to understand. It should therefore be far more effective than a patchwork of smaller measures in lifting the huge cloud of uncertainty hanging over households. It will also not have to be continually revised and extended (as the furlough scheme was) if energy prices remain high.

Market signals will also still have some role to play.

The energy price guarantee will cap the unit cost of energy, not total bills, and at what will remain a historically high level. Households will therefore still have a strong incentive to save energy.

This can therefore be seen as a pragmatic response which reflects the scale of the economic and social crisis in the pipeline. In principle, it should have been possible to design something better. In practice, it would be difficult to target support at those who need it most without many falling through the cracks.

However, this argument is somewhat weaker in the case of businesses, where the "moral hazard" risks are greater.

Larger companies in particular could reasonably be expected to negotiate longer-term contracts and insure against higher energy bills, or to

be able to borrow from private sources, including commercial banks, to spread the cost.

It is not unreasonable either to expect that some companies will pass on higher energy costs to their customers in the form of higher prices. Again, this is the market at work. Very few households will have any of these options.

Put differently, think of any well-known FTSE 100 company – perhaps in retail, or banking. Would you truly feel comfortable using taxpayers' money to reduce their energy bills, especially if this meant there was less room to protect families directly?

What's more, there are plenty of businesses, including some smaller ones, which have been able to manage their exposure to higher energy prices relatively well. They could reasonably feel aggrieved if their competitors are now bailed out. At the very least, they should be allowed to exit deals which were agreed at a higher price.

These problems are not easy to solve. Even more than households, it makes sense to target support for businesses in ways that minimise the distortions to markets and which only help those that really need it.

I suspect we will end up with a messier solution. It does seem right that any freeze on energy prices for businesses should be for a shorter period than for households. The six-month horizon does increase the risk of another "cliff-edge" in the spring. However, most businesses should be better able to plan for this, and to mitigate the risks, than households in the same position.

The six-month horizon should also be long enough to tide businesses over what is likely to be the most



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difficult period. Many market commentators now expect wholesale gas prices to plummet after the European winter, if not before. Prices have already fallen sharply in the last two weeks.

Realistically, the Government would have to extend the help to at least some businesses if energy prices do remain high.

But this option is being built into the current plan too. After the initial six-month period for the broader package, the Government will provide ongoing "focused support" for vulnerable industries.

This will be informed by a review which is due to take place in three months' time. Again, this will not be straightforward. The Government can support low-income households relatively simply via the existing system of means-tested benefits, but there is nothing quite the same for businesses.

Options here might include further relief on business rates for particular sectors or types of businesses, another round of targeted cuts in VAT, or a repeat of some of the grants and cheap loan facilities offered during the pandemic.

To be clear, the frustrations of many in the business community are understandable and their concerns are valid.

But the Government has a difficult balancing act in providing more support to the most vulnerable companies, without writing a blank cheque for corporate welfare. It is surely worth waiting just a little longer to get the details right.

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52 week High	Low	(p) Stock	Price (€) +/-	Yld	P/E	Flat	Rdn
116.45	110.31	Treas 5Y 25	104.51	+0.12	4.78	3.10	
138.97	135.60	Treas 6Y 28	116.34	+0.08	5.16	3.09	
136.13	108.70	Treas 4½ 32	109.37	+0.19	3.89	3.12	
146.20	124.42	Treas 4½ 36	109.52	+0.55	3.88	3.37	

162.01	115.13	Treas 4½ 38	116.63	+0.67	4.07	3.41	
390.60	362.32	Treas 2½ 1L 24	368.50	+0.86	0.68	0.00	
404.01	346.66	Treas 4½ 1L 30	349.26	+1.12	0.78	0.00	
325.39	252.97	Treas 2½ 15	256.47	+1.72	0.18	0.00	

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10-year Government Bonds

52 week High	Low	(p) Stock	Price (p) +/-	Yld	P/E	Yields	Spread vs Spread vs Bunds	T-Bonds
France	2.20		+0.49	-1.21				
Germany	1.71		-	-1.70				
Japan	0.25		-1.46	-3.16				
Great Britain	3.13		+1.42	-0.28				
United States	3.41		+1.70	-				

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Aerospace & defence -2.94%

52 week High	Low	(p) Stock	Price (p) +/-	Yld	P/E
388%	290	Babcock Intl	318%	-5%	-9.8
847%	517%	BAE Systems	771%	-22%	3.3
396%	236	QinetiQ	329%	-7%	2.2
161%	69%	Rolls-Royce	75%	-3%	-52.2
176%	112%	Senior	131%	-4%	0.2

Banks -0.92%

219%	140	Barclays	169%	-2	3.7
1602%	975	Coca-Clus	102%	-2.1	6.2
567%	329%	HSBC	518%	-10%	4.5
56%	38%	Lloyds Bk Grp	46%	-4	4.0
284%	196%	NatWest Group	269%	-	4.4
29%	193%	Santander	225%	-2%	3.1
641	466%	Standard Ch	612%	-4	1.8

Beverages -1.07%

4110	3282%	Diageo	3763%	-40%	2.0
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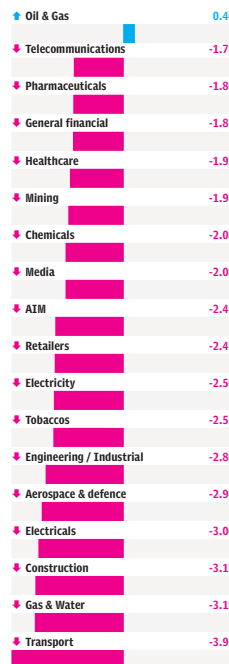
Chemicals -2.08%

10505	5862	Croda Intl	6746%	-7%	1.5
2861	1650	Johnson Mat	1944	-7%	4.0
2662	1585	Vivient	1702	-8%	3.5

Construction -3.17%

342%	207%	Balfour Beatty	338%	-4	2.8
755%	393	Barratt Dev	406%	-10%	9.1
34%	186%	Bellway	193%	-6%	6.0
4919	3357	Berkley Grp	347%	-16%	0.6
349	262	Boat H	274	-	2.2
62%	32	Costain	4%	-4%	-20.5
4024	2736%	CRH	3057%	-120%	3.4
1410	68%	Gratton Gr	731%	-17	4.3
2660	1530	Morgan Sindal	1626	-3%	5.8

Winners and losers (pc)



Healthcare -1.92%

503%	286%	Mediclinic Int	495%	-	0.6
1379%	994%	Smith & Neph	1064	-29	3.0

Electricals -3.06%

385	225	Dialight	240%	-3	-
1252	586	discoverIE Grp	755	-15	1.4
3270	1855%	Halma	2064	-7%	0.9
5550	3393%	Renishaw	3520	-82	1.9
5404	1782	XP Power	1890%	-50	5.0

Electricity -2.50%

845%	420%	Drax Group	711%	-18%	3.0
1271%	880%	Nat Grid	1053%	-26%	4.8
1935%	150	SSE	1746%	-46%	4.9

Engineering / Industrial -2.80%

380	282	Casting	306	-8	5.3
82%	56	Cosats Corp	56%	-1%	3.4
1650	82%	Cropper J	985	-10	6.8
4000	2350	Gowdin	2725	-35	4.0
1878	1069	IMI	1114%	-3%	2.2
187%	107%	Melrose Ind	116%	-4%	1.6
1982	1233%	Mondi	1450%	-42%	4.0
42%	54%	Sovereign	64%	-5%	1.0
1642	1323	Smiths Grp	1519	-4%	2.5
461%	258%	Smith (DS)	272	-8	5.5
1242	2623	Smurfit Kappa	2888	-8%	3.8
17225	9004	Xerox	10600	-210	1.3
1308	1040	Videndum	1382	-38	2.8
1936%	1321	Weir	1496	-4%	1.7

Food producers -1.42%

2181	1314%	Ass Brit Fds	1328%	-31%	2.6
2706	1403%	Coca-Cola HBC	1943	-3%	3.2
3948	37	Cranisco	3104	-8	2.4
1257	9%	Hilton Food	941	-26	3.2
208	55	Hea Hldgs	109	+1%	-37.1
4109%	3267%	Unilever	3965%	-52	3.6

Gas & Water -3.19%

93%	50	Centrica	82%	-2%	1.2
1260	89%	Pennon Gr	939	-26	4.1
3228	2561	Severn Trent	2684	-102	3.8
1186%	961%	Utili Utilities	1039	-32%	4.2

General financial -1.81%

377%	186	Ashmore	215%	-6%	7.8
571	203%	Bridgepoint Gr	249%	-9%	3.1
1603	759	Hargreaves L	836%	-2%	4.7
885	646%	IG Group	787	-	5.6
2493	1205%	Intermediate Cp	1128	-27%	6.2
541%	273%	Investec	389	-5%	6.4
144	66	IP Group	69%	-1%	1.8
2510	781%	Liontrust	861	-3%	8.4
42%	33%	Lon Fin & Inv	3%	-	3.5
8612	6230	Lon Stock Ex	7900%	-14%	1.3
230	168%	M&G	195%	-4	9.4
277	177%	Man Group	246%	-4%	4.6
353%	163%	Provident Fin	182%	-3%	9.3
188%	95%	Quilter	102%	-3%	5.6
2230	1426%	Rathbones Grp	1828%	-18%	4.5
7950	1970	S&O U	2165	+35	5.8
3913	2536	Schroders	2546	-108	4.8
4014	68%	Gratton Gr	731%	-17	4.3
2660	1530	Morgan Sindal	1626	-3%	5.8

Major price changes FTSE 100

Risers 7	Volume	Close	Change
♦ Scot Mott Wm Tst	2.97m	827	2.43pc
♦ Halcon	25.05m	270%	1.39pc
♦ Pershing Square	0.13m	2800	1.08pc
♦ Shell	16.42m	2341	0.58pc
♦ Whitbread	0.66m	2669	0.23pc
♦ BP	48.32m	462%	0.16pc
♦ Standard Chart	7.20m	612%	0.03pc
Fallers 92	Volume	Close	Change
♦ Ocado Group	4.88m	623%	-8.25pc
♦ abrdn	12.47m	142%	-4.62pc
♦ Berkeley Gr Hdgs	0.40m	347%	-4.48pc
♦ Schroders	0.38m	2546	-4.07pc
♦ Melrose Ind	22.93m	116%	-3.99pc
♦ Rolls Royce	39.07m	75%	-3.97pc
♦ CRH	0.65m	3057	-3.79pc
♦ Antofagasta	1.59m	1164%	-3.76pc
♦ Severn Trent	0.90m	2684	-3.66pc
♦ WPP	3.19m	756%	-3.57pc
♦ RS Group	1.07m	1054	-3.48pc
♦ Halma	1.01m	2064	-3.46pc
♦ Sainsbury	10.07m	202%	-3.38pc
♦ DCC	0.18m	4896	-3.36pc

Results Roundup

Company	Turnover(£)	Pre - tax(£)	EPS(p)	DIV(p)	Pay Day	XD
BioPharma Credit \$	Int - (-)	61.1m (66.9m)	4.450 (4.870)	1.750 (1.750)	Sep 23	Aug 25
BlackRock Latin American Inv Trust \$	Int - (-)	7.1m (3.7m)	18.110 (8.700)	5.740 (7.820)	Aug 12	Jul 14
Digital 9 Infrastructure	Int - (-)	-1.8m (773k)	-0.220 (-0.430)	1.500 (1.500)	Sep 30	Sep 15
Dunelm Group	Fin 1.60m (1.30m)	212.8m (157.8m)	84.500 (63.700)	26.000 (23.000)	Dec 05	Nov 10
Glenveagh Properties €	Int 20.0m (22.5m)	13.0m (4.3m)	1.320 (0.300)	n/a (n/a)	-	-
ITM Power	Fin 5.6m (4.3m)	-46.7m (-27.6m)	-8.100 (-5.500)	n/a (n/a)	-	-
Pharos Energy \$	Int 112.3m (59.2m)	98.2m (26.7m)	12.300 (1.500)	0.000 (0.000)	-	-
Redrow	Fin 21.2m (1.90m)	246.0m (314.0m)	57.700 (73.000)	22.000 (18.500)	Nov 16	Sep 22
Ricardo	Fin 380.2m (343.7m)	12.4m (2.0m)	13.800 (2.900)	7.490 (5.110)	Nov 25	Nov 03
Tullow Oil \$	Int 845.7m (726.8m)	547.6m (213.1m)	18.400 (6.500)	0.000 (0.000)	-	-

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Name	Init chge	Sell	Mid Buy	Change Buy on day
Global Opportunities	0%	268.35	-7.17	
International Bd	0%	107.05	-5.43	
Multi-Asset Bd	0%	157.34	-2.84	
Multi-Asset Div Return	0%	135.58	-1.59	
Multi-Asset Growth	0%	233.6	-4.40	
Oriental	0%	192.73	-1.05	
Real Return A	0%	106.46	-	
UK Equity Fund	0%	138.07	-3.24	
UK Income	0%	133.9	-2.86	
UK Opportunities	0%	151.85	-4.99	
US Opportunities	0%	394.4	-8.07	

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Sterling Income Shares

Name	Init chge	Sell	Mid Buy	Change Buy on day
Global Income	0%	253.33	-4.99	
Corporate Bond	0%	79.85	-0.51	
Equity Inc	0%	145.32	-3.24	
Equity Inc	0%	92.27	-1.59	
Equity Inc	0%	109.52	-4.37	
Global Multi-Strat	0%	116.37	-1.42	
International-Linked Corp Bd	0%	105.6	-0.50	
Long-Term Global Equity	0%	388	-11.42	
Asian Income	0%	214	-	
Global Income	0%	365.7	-7.73	
Global Dynamic Bd	0%	89	-10.18	
Global High Yield Bd	0%	47.94	-0.34	
Global Emerging Mkts	0%	409.48	-10.94	
International Bd	0%	233.28	-8.93	
Multi-Asset Bd	0%	239.45	-4.33	
Multi-Asset Div Return	0%	173.05	-	
Multi-Asset Growth	0%	116.52	-7.20	
Oriental	0%	949.77	-22.00	
Real Return A	0%	119.95	-8.93	
UK Equity Fund	0%	818.95	-22.72	
UK Income	0%	67.45	-14.44	
UK Opportunities	0%	394.91	-10.02	
US Opportunities	0%	333.57	-9.94	

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Household goods -1.48%

207%	1473%	Burberry	1772	-1	2.7
83%	15%	McBride	23%	-	3.1
259	177%	Pei Cossens	192%	-4%	2.8
684	5367	Reckitt Benck	6454%	-110	2.7

Information technology -1.24%

718	271	Aptitude Sftware	419	+23	1.3
4099	1800	Aveva Group	3048	-2	1.2
682%	587%	Rockwell	722%	-16%	2.5
310%	209%	Sapient	257%	-11	2.1

Insurance -1.68%

265%	140%	abrdn	142%	-6%	10.3	3.0
3558	1691%	Admiral	2198*	-32	6.7	6.6
606%	341%	Aviva	437%*	-5	6.8	6.6
535	365%	Beazley ●	624%	-3%	2.1	16.9
818	184%	DirectLineIns ●	211%	-2%	10.7	8.6
1002	769%	Hiscox ●	935%*	+1	3.1	19.6
567	342%	Lancashire Hldg ●	536	-11%	2.3	-23.9
809	225%	Legal & General	259%*	-2%	7.2	7.6
704%	559%	Phoenix	603%	-7%	8.2	-7.0
1519	877%	Prudential	938*	-21%	1.6	-14.0
2474	344%	Equitable Life	1000%	-2%	5.3	2.9

A 14pc return from a bond fund that has never suffered a default? Buy

Questor Trust Bargains
RICHARD EVANS

TwentyFour Income's dividend is in line for a major fillip and the value of its assets should follow suit to give us a total return in double digits



For that elusive combination of high returns and low risk, Questor has tended to favour either specialist property funds or specialist bond funds. Our thinking is that the professionals who run these portfolios develop such deep understanding of their markets, and have cultivated such fruitful networks of the contacts on which successful deal-making in these areas often depends, that they can buck the normal rules of investing and unearth assets that really can deliver good returns at disproportionately low risk.

Among the property funds tipped here, we would put into this category the likes of Residential Secure Income, Triple Point Social Housing and Regional Reit; for bond funds we would mention Real Estate Credit Investments, BioPharma Credit, Honeycomb – and TwentyFour

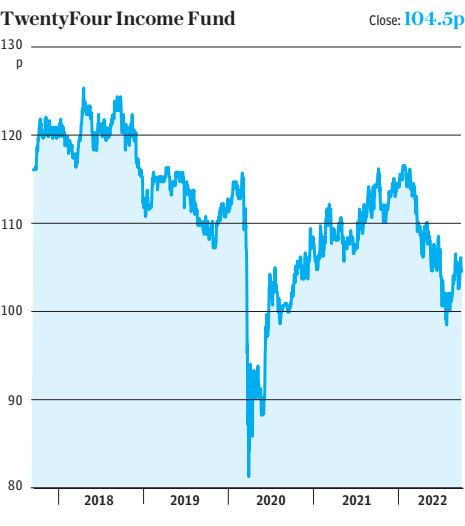
TwentyFour Income Fund

Buy

Falls in bond prices will not affect the fund's profits if it holds to maturity

Income, the portfolio we cover today. The share price chart since we first tipped the fund in 2018 at 116.5p may seem uninspiring; with the shares at 104.5p we are in the red to the tune of 10.3pc in capital terms. But this is to ignore its income – the portfolio has exceeded its dividend target of 6p a share every year since it listed in 2013. What is more, we can now expect big increases in the divi, and indeed in the fund's net asset value and hence in all probability in the share price too, because of the way the portfolio's assets work.

There are two forces at play here. First, the managers invest in "floating-rate" assets, so rises in interest rates mean more income for the fund. The second is more complex. The market value of many of its assets has fallen in recent months as investors more generally have sold bonds in response to the rise in inflation. But TwentyFour Income's managers tend



- Key numbers**
- ◆ **Market value:** £668m
 - ◆ **Year of listing:** 2013
 - ◆ **Discount:** 1.7pc premium
 - ◆ **Ave discount over past year:** 0.3pc
 - ◆ **Yield (March 2022):** 6.5pc
 - ◆ **Most recent year's dividend:** 6.77p
 - ◆ **Gearing (Aug 2022):** 5.2pc
 - ◆ **Annual charge (March 2022):** 0.97pc

to hold their investments until they mature – which of course they do at "par" value, or the amount originally lent when the bonds were issued. As the maturity date approaches (and the fund's assets are about three years from maturity on average), the market price naturally tends to rise back up to the par level at which investors will be repaid.

And, when the money from matured bonds is reinvested, it will generate higher interest rates if used to buy other bonds at depressed prices.

None of this, obviously, would hold water if the more perilous economic times we are entering led to a spate

of defaults among the fund's bond holdings. But this is where that specialisation on the managers' part we referred to above comes into its own. Such is their skill at assessing the creditworthiness of those they lend to (and mortgage borrowers in Britain and Europe, via "mortgage-backed bonds", account for about 60pc by value) that the fund has never suffered a default.

"TwentyFour Income has never held an investment that has defaulted, nor has it ever held a position that has subsequently defaulted after it owned it," said Numis, the broker, last month. "There are no credit-impaired positions in the portfolio and bonds have been

underwritten against adverse scenarios more severe than the global financial crisis."

Let's return to the rising income we can expect thanks to increases in interest rates. "We expect the [fund's] dividends for the current year to be substantially higher than the prior year given the rise in base rates," Numis said. "We see scope for a dividend of 8.6p-9p, equivalent to an 8.3pc-8.7pc dividend yield on the share price [almost unchanged since its note], based only on the change in market expectations for UK interest rates. This is assuming there is no benefit from reinvesting any [bond repayments] at the current attractive [rates]."

But the broker said it could see scope for "an even higher dividend" as more of the portfolio's bonds matured and the proceeds were reinvested at better rates. For the year to March 2024 "we could see scope for a dividend of about 10p", it said, although it said "a lot could change between then and now".

But we also need to consider the potential for capital gains as the prices of its bonds drift upwards towards par value as maturity approaches. Adding together the yield and these likely capital gains, Numis said "total returns in the medium term should be closer to ... about 14pc [a year]". Fourteen per cent from a bond portfolio that has never suffered a default is a very attractive proposition. Buy.

Questor says: buy
Ticker: TFFI
Share price at close: 104.5p

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German state profits from airline bailout

By Oliver Gill

GERMAN taxpayers have made a €760m (£660m) profit from the bailout of Lufthansa during the pandemic after the national airline was returned to private ownership.

Berlin pumped €9bn into the stricken flag carrier in 2020 as it grappled with the abrupt halt in global air travel. The state initially took a 20pc stake in the business as well as handing bosses loans to keep the airline afloat.

The shares cost €300m, but generated more than €1bn in proceeds as they were gradually sold down. The final tranche was offloaded yesterday.

Klaus-Michael Kühne, the billionaire behind sea freighter Kühne + Nagel and Germany's richest man, snapped up the remaining stake offered by the government. Mr Kühne is now Lufthansa's biggest investor, owning 17.5pc of the DAX company.

The decision by EU countries to bankroll their airlines during the pandemic

€760m

Gains made by German taxpayers after the government sold the stake it took during the pandemic to bail the airline out

contrasted sharply with support given to UK carriers. Air France and Dutch airline KLM also received support from their respective governments.

Rishi Sunak, the then chancellor, initially signalled that support would be available to airlines during the pandemic but the Government refused to

take equity stakes.

The UK's refusal to offer help the industry beyond generic Covid loans was a significant headache for Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic, which was taken to the brink of bankruptcy before striking a rescue deal with creditors later in 2020.

Google appeal over €4bn fine is rejected

By Gareth Corfield

GOOGLE has failed to overturn a record €4bn (£3.5bn) fine imposed by the European Commission for unfairly promoting its search engine on people's phones.

An EU court has upheld the earlier fine, which was levied after competition watchdogs concluded Google had breached competition laws.

Investigators found the tech giant had unfairly forced smartphone makers such as Samsung and Sony to set Google as their phones' default internet search engine on devices that used Google's Android operating system.

In addition, Android handset makers also had to install Google Chrome as their devices' default web browser if they wanted to pre-install other apps such as the Google Play Store or Gmail.

In its judgment, the General Court said Google had been "foreclosing its competitors to the detriment of consumers".

"At that time, which was crucial for the development of online search ser-

vices from smart mobile devices, Google's abusive practices were damaging to its competitors," the court found.

It added that it was clear from internal documents that "Google was fully aware of the effects of the practices challenged in the contested decision". In a minor concession to Google the fine was cut to €4.1bn from the original €4.3bn.

Google said it was "disappointed" that the court did not completely annul the EU Commission's decision. "Android has created more choice for everyone, not less, and supports thousands of successful businesses in Europe and around the world," it added.

The ruling can be appealed to the EU Court of Justice.

'Google was fully aware of the effects of the practices challenged in the contested decision'

Starbucks looks to US after 'losing its way'

By Hannah Boland

STARBUCKS has "lost its way" in recent years, its interim chief executive said, amid speculation its UK coffee shops could be sold off as the company plots a turnaround.

Howard Schultz, the coffee chain's long-time boss who returned earlier this year, unveiled plans to spend \$450m (£390m) on Starbucks' North American stores next year as part of plans to spur growth.

Investment will include fitting stores with new equipment to allow baristas to make its hot and cold drinks faster. The kit is expected to cut the time needed to make a Frappuccino by more than half.

Mr Schultz said he believed that "the best days of Starbucks are ahead of us", as he readies to hand the reins to incoming chief executive Laxman Narasimhan, who will be leaving his post at London-listed Reckitt Benckiser.

Mr Schultz stepped in as Starbucks interim chief executive in March this

year for his third term after his successor in the post, Kevin Johnson, said he would be retiring. Mr Narasimhan is expected to take over next month.

The move to invest heavily in the US comes amid speculation the company is looking to sell its UK business, where there are more than 1,000 Starbucks coffee shops. Earlier this summer, reports suggested that Starbucks had appointed advisers to gauge how much takeover interest there is, although the company said it was "not in a formal sale process for the company's UK business".

The UK is one of its largest markets and employs 4,000 people.

Coffee shops including Starbucks face spiralling costs, with many having to significantly increase their prices as a result. Research from data company UCC Coffee showed that coffee drinkers were being hit by price rises of as much as 21pc between August 2021 and July 2022. The figures suggested the price of a flat white has now topped £3 across Britain's largest coffee shops.

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Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 14th
The Coffin bearing The late Queen was borne in State from Buckingham Palace this afternoon on a Gun Carriage of The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, flanked by the Escort Party found by 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, to travel to the Palace of Westminster to Lie-in-State in Westminster Hall.
The Coffin was followed by The King, The Prince of Wales, The Duke of Sussex, The Duke of York, The Duke of Gloucester, The Earl of Wessex, The Princess Royal, Mr Peter Phillips, The Duke of Gloucester, The Earl of Snowdon and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence.
Other Members of the Royal Family travelled separately.
The King and The Queen Consort, The Prince and Princess

Forthcoming marriages

Miss L.R.J.K.M. Carew and Miss H.M. Lyons
The engagement is announced between Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Carew, of Cheam, and Hayley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Lyons, of Battersea.
Online ref: 612299
Mr J. Long and Miss S. Colville
The engagement is announced between Joseph, son of Ms Claudine Bone, of Black Notley, Essex, and Sophia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Colville, of Forthampton, Gloucestershire.
Online ref: 612185

Legal news

Ms Bronwen Curtis has been re-appointed as a lay panel member of the Judicial Conduct and Investigations Office effective from July 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
The Judicial Conduct and Investigations Office is an independent office which supports the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice in considering complaints about the personal conduct of judicial office-holders.
Appointments and re-appointments are made by the Lord Chancellor and are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The re-appointment has been made in line with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

Other notice

HAMPSHIRE LIEUTENANCY
The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants for Hampshire: Lord Ashington, Mrs Maggie Carver and Mr Simon Tufnell.

Bridge news

The first of three phases of the English Bridge Union Premier League has been held, writes Julian Pottage, Bridge Correspondent, with play being at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club for Division 1 and at the East Midlands Bridge Academy for Divisions 2 and 3. The leaders are as follows:
Division 1: 1st Hinden (Frances Hinden, John Atthey, Tony Forrester, Chris Jagger, Graham Osborne, Neil Rosen), 95.40 VPs; 2nd De Botton (Janet De Botton, Artur Malinowski, Tom Townsend, David Bakshi, Thor Erik Hofftaniska, Espen Erichsen), 81.29 VPs; and 3rd Black (Andrew Black, David Gold, Simon Cope, Peter Crouch, Andrew McIntosh, Tom Paske), 79.95 VPs.
Division 2: 1st Sandfia (Mike Bell, Sarah Bell, Ben Norton, Ollie Burgess, Ben Handley-Pritchard), 107.78 VPs; and 2nd Harris (Jonathan Harris, Steve Root, Marusa Gold, Todor Tiholov, Eduard Malhasyan, Niall Igoo), 77.81 VPs.
Division 3: 1st Juniors Blue (Harry Madden, Andy Cope, Henry Rose, Oscar Selby, Liam Fegarty, Jamie Fegarty), 132.46 VPs; and 2nd Panchagnula (Kripa Panchagnula, Aaron Hutton, Jonathan Clark, Oliver Poulton), 127.69 VPs.
Play will continue in mid-October and conclude in early November.

Bridge Hand
Again and again

By Tom Townsend
Dealer North Game All
♠ A K 8 2
♥ Q J 8 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ A 6
♠ Q 7 3
♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ 10 9
♣ J 10 8 2
♠ J 10 9 5
♥ K 9 7
♦ A
♣ K Q 9 7 3
West North East South
pass 4(1) pass 1♠
pass 5(4) pass 4NT(3)
pass pass pass 6♠(5)
(1) Clubs or balanced
(2) 18-19 balanced with fit
(3) Roman Key Card Blackwood
(4) Nought or three
(5) Might have asked for the ♠Q
Contract 6♠ by South
Opening Lead ♠5
FROM the Youth Europeans in Veldhoven, the under-26 women's match between France and Norway. For Norway, Katarina Ekren and Thea Lucia Indrebo conducted the auction above. South could have asked for the ♠Q with 5♥ over 5♠, but preferred to shoot out the trump position.
Six Spades was basically on the position of the trump Queen. Did that make it a 50-50 chance? Not quite. Singleton ♠Q with East would have been in South's favour, but bad breaks could happen, particularly 5-4 hearts which would normally mean a ruff for the defence. Then again, if East has ♠Qxxx and singleton heart, even

of Wales, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, The Duke of York with Princess Beatrice, Mrs Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi and Mr Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi and Princess Eugenie, Mrs Jack Brooksbank and Mr Jack Brooksbank, The Earl and Countess of Wessex with The Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor and Viscount Severn, The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, Mr Peter Phillips, Mr and Mrs Michael Tindall, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and other Members of the Royal Family were received at the North Door of Westminster Hall by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Lord Speaker and the Speaker.
The King and The Queen Consort and other Members of the Royal Family attended a Service for the Reception of the Coffin conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle).
A Guard of Honour, found by The King's Guard with the State Colour, was formed up in front of Buckingham Palace.
A Guard of Honour found by

the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force, with the Band of the Royal Marines was formed up in Parliament Square.
His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen and Arms and The King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty in the Palace of Westminster.
KENSINGTON PALACE
September 14th
The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall this morning held a Meeting with the Duchy of Cornwall Finance Committee via video link.
For more details about the Royal Family, visit the Royal website at www.royal.uk

Today's birthdays

The Duke of Sussex is 38.
Sir James Tildmarsh, Lord Lieutenant for Bristol, 1996-2007, 90; Prof Sir Brian Fender, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, 1995-2001, 88; Sir Konrad Schiemann, a Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union,

2004-12, 85; Mr George Walden, writer; former Conservative MP, 83; Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Director, Shell Transport and Trading Company, 1991-2005; Chairman, 1997-2001, 82; Lord Harris of Peckham, company chairman, 80; Mr Oliver Stone, actor, screenwriter and director, 76; Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust, 2007-11, 73; the Very Rev Dr David Ison, who retires today as Dean of St Paul's, 68; Dr Mary Boustead, Joint General Secretary, National Education Union; President, TUC, 2016-17, 63; Mr Timothy Byram-Wigfield, Director of Music, All Saints, Margaret St, London, 2013-18; Director of Music, St George's Chapel, Windsor, 2004-13, 59; the Earl of Swinton 52; Mr Peter Wilson, former sport shooter; Olympic gold medalist, men's double trap, London 2012, 36; and Mr Constantine Louloudis, rower; Olympic gold medalist, men's eight, Rio 2016, and bronze medalist, men's eight, London 2012, 31.
Today is the anniversary of the death of Mr William Huskisson, the first person to be killed in a railway accident, in 1830.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Daily Telegraph
LONDON, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1922
R.A.F. FOR IRAK.
1,000 MEN LEAVE.
NEW DEFENCE POLICY.
By OUR AVIATION CORRESPONDENT.
The steamship Braemar Castle left Southampton yesterday with 1,000 officers and men of the Royal Air Force, bound for Mesopotamia, where, under the command of Air Vice-Marshal Sir John M. Salmond, they will be responsible for the maintenance of peace in Irak. This is in fulfilment of the policy announced about a year ago, after the visit of Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Hugh Trenchard to the East, a policy estimated to achieve, the desired results at a minimum of casualties on both sides (if hostile operations become necessary), and at an enormous saving on the cost that would be entailed by ordinary army occupation with a small air unit subordinate to the military command.
The 1,000 officers and men are 458 from Manston and 542 from Uxbridge. The total personnel of our force in Irak will number 3,000, and will include four armoured car companies, a signal section, an armoured train section, and a water transport section. Sir John Salmond will, on his arrival - he leaves India next Sunday - be in supreme command over any units of the other services in the country. By taking the Braemar Castle the delays and expense of ordinary troopships will be avoided.
Eight squadrons will be stationed in Irak. At Hindei, No. 1 Sopwith "Snipes" - 200 h.p. B.R.; No. 6 Bristol fighters - 275 h.p. Rolls-Royce; Nos. 8 and 20 D.H. 9 A's - 375 h.p. Rolls-Royce; Nos. 45 and 70 Vickers troop-carriers - two 375 h.p. Rolls-Royce. At Mosul, No. 55 D.H. 9 A - 375 h.p. Rolls-Royce; and at Shihav, No. 84 D.H. 9 A. Each squadron consists of twelve machines and reserves.

TROOP-CARRYING PLANE.
The Vickers Vernon troop-carrier carries twelve fully-equipped soldiers in addition to its crew; and it will be possible by means of the two squadrons of this type to transport troops so swiftly to vital points that local disturbances should be easily coped with. Both the fighters and the D.H. 9 A's can be employed as bomb-carriers, and from these and the Snipes machine-gun fire can be employed against an enemy on the ground. Eight landing grounds have been laid out, and each of these will be equipped with wireless and a certain amount of supplies and spares. These aerodromes are at Hillah, Amarah, Sulimanieh, Kirkuk, Samarah, Meijaleh, Kut, and Ramadi.
On the Braemar Castle the officer commanding the troops is Group-Captain the Hon. J. D. Boyle, and Wing-Commander W. H. Primrose will be in charge of the armoured car sections. Flight-Lieutenant A. H. Wann (one of the few survivors of the disaster to the R38 airship) will act as adjutant on voyages out and home of the Braemar Castle. The officers and men will serve a period of two years, and are not accompanied by their wives; but at the end of that period they may go to Egypt or to India, where married quarters are provided.
It will be remembered that in Somaliland the Royal Air Force restored order at a minimum cost in casualties and at a saving of many millions, completing in a few months work that would have taken years by the ordinary methods. In Kurdistan, also, the R.A.F. carried out effective operations with great speed and sureness. The move to

Chess
So slips up at Sinquefield

By Malcolm Pein
A DRAMATIC day at the Sinquefield Cup, as Wesley So spoilt a winning position and lost to Alireza Firouzja. The 19-year-old took the joint lead with a round to play. Fabiano Caruana overcame Hans Niemann to end with 4.5/8. However, Ian Nepomniachtchi and Firouzja, on 4.5/7, were set to surpass him. Nepo defeated Levon Aronian with black, putting the latter out of contention. Firouzja faced GCT leader Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in the final game knowing that a draw would secure him a \$100,000 (£85,000) bonus as the overall GCT winner.
A. Firouzja - W. So
Gioco Piano
Le4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 O-O 7.h3 b6 8.Re1 a6 9.a4 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.b3 Rxc5 12.Nxe5 Rd2 13.dxe4 14.dxe4? (14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bd5 16.Bxc6 was best) 14...Nh5! 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nxe5
17...Bxb3? (17...Rad8! was winning. If 18.Nd3 Bxb3 19.Qxb3 Rxd3 and Rxb3 destroys White's defences. After 18.Qc2 Nf4 19.Qf1 Bxb3 20.gxh3 Rxe5 21.Nxe5 Rd2 22.Ng4 Qh4 is overwhelming and 18.Qc2 Bxb3 19.c4 Qf4 intends Qc5 and Nf4

Announcements

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Births

KENNARD.—On 7th September 2022, to Kiloran (née Howard) and Charles, a daughter, Grace Teresa Eve.
Online ref: 612264

Anniversaries

Blue sapphire wedding

SMITH - LIDDINGTON.—On 14th September 1957, at St Giles Church, Blechington, Oxon, David John to Daphne Joan. Congratulations on your 65th wedding anniversary, with much love from all your family.
Online ref: 612232

Diamond weddings

GRANVILLE - KING.—On 15th September 1962, at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, John to Valerie.
Online ref: 612067

Deaths

AVERY.—Madeleine Veronica. Died on 1st September 2022, aged 96 years. Funeral Service at St Boniface Church, Chlanders Ford on Monday 26th September at 1 p.m. Enquiries to Nigel Guilder Ltd www.nigelguilder.co.uk Tel: 02380 262 555.
Online ref: 612204

BURWOOD.—Malcolm Harry Erskine, 17th Earl of Buchan died suddenly 15th September 2022 aged 92. Now reunited with his adored wife Hilary. Loving father of Harry, Seraphina, Monty and Arabella. Beloved Grandpa and Great-Grandpa to Alex, Katie, Freddie, Eliza, Iona, Milo, Honor, Alfie and Penelope. Funeral Service on Wednesday 5th October at 12 noon at St Stephen's, Lansdown Road, Bath BA1 5SN. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, via W F Dolman & Sons. Tel: 01225 444110.
Online ref: 612214

CULLEY.—Ken CBE. Passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on 6th September 2022 aged 80 years. Much loved husband of Pam, father of Alison, Johanne and Nick, stepfather of Jane and Caroline and grandfather of fourteen grandchildren. Funeral Service to be held at North Wiltshire Crematorium SN4 8ET on Wednesday 28th September at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Parkinson's UK and Prospect Hospice c/o Claridge Funeral Service, The Parade Mews, Marlborough, SN8 1NE. Telephone: 01672 511836.
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DELAHOORKE.—James Stuart. Died on 8th September 2022 aged 82 years. He will be greatly missed by Angie, his four daughters and nine grandchildren. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Michael & All Angels Church, Barmingham, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27th September.
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GRANT.—Leonard passed away peacefully on 29th August 2022, aged 101. Much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be greatly missed. The Funeral Service will be held at Portchester Crematorium on Thursday 22nd September at 12 noon. All are welcome. Donations to Parkinson's UK may be given to M Coghlan Funeral Directors, Westbury Rd, Fareham, PO16 7XU. Tel: 01329 285711.
Online ref: 612221

HAWKESLEY.—Sue. Peacefully at home on 8th September 2022. Celebration Service at Buckhorn Weston Church on 6th October at 2 p.m. No flowers; donations please to St Margaret's Hospice c/o Howard F. Miles, Funeral Director. Tel: 01963 440367.
Online ref: 612235

MARKHAM.—William Dayne, died peacefully on 22nd July, aged 90. Much loved husband of the late Patsy, and cherished father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Memorial Service at St Peter's, Curdridge at 2.30 p.m. on 24th October.
Online ref: 612220

PANIKKAR.—Margaret. Passed away suddenly on Wednesday 31st August 2022 at her home aged 91 years. A much loved mother, grandmother and sister and friend to many. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Osbaldeston on Friday 23rd September 2022 at 11.30 a.m., followed by an interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only, or if so desired, donations may be made in memory of Margaret to North West Catholic History Society. Enquiries to The Alty Funeral Service. Tel: 01254 503240 Email: admin@altyfunerals.co.uk
Online ref: 612186

PARKER.—Ann Elizabeth Frederica passed away peacefully at home on September 8th 2022. Beloved wife of Roger, darling Mum, Ann, Gugs and Great Gugs. Funeral in Widdford on Monday October 10th at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please.
Online ref: 612231

RIDLEY.—Nicholas Charles BSc FRCS. On 26th August aged 63 after a short illness. Much loved husband to Julie, father to Charlotte, Alex, Georgina and Tom, son to Valerie and Tom, brother to Martin. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Chichester on Monday 26th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK c/o oaklandsfuneralservice.com
Online ref: 612187

ROE.—Dr Peter Frank of Taunton, died on September 8th, aged 91; with Christ, which is far better. He was deeply loved by his devoted wife Margaret, and loved and mourned by his children Andrew and Helen, and by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday September 23rd at Taunton Minster, St Mary Magdalene. No flowers please. Instead, donations if desired to Médecins sans Frontières. Enquiries to Taunton Funeral Service. Tel: 01823 321077.
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SWEENEY.—Geraldine (née Follett). Widow of Colonel HJ (Tod) Sweeney MC, died peacefully at home on 28th August 2022, aged 100. Her Funeral will take place at St Michael's RC Church, Shepton Mallet at 11 a.m. on 22nd September, followed by burial at Everecrest Cemetery. Donations, if desired, can be made payable to A&H to the Church in Need, or Blind Veterans UK and sent to Troutman Funeral Directors, Ashdene, Dodington, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4QQ.
Online ref: 612249

SYMONS.—Virginia Anne (née Henderson) died peacefully on 8th September 2022, aged 78 at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital after a short illness. Greatly loved wife of the late Brigadier John Symons. Funeral on Friday 14th October at 11.30 a.m. at St Edward's Church, Evenloade.
Online ref: 612241

TCHIKOTOUA.—Prince Howard Charles (Charlie) died peacefully on 11th September 2022 aged 83 at home in Marlball. Beloved husband of Helena, much loved father, Cristina and Chahva and grandfather of Max, Ella, Sebastian and Nicolas.
Online ref: 612229

TOOLEY.—Janet Emily (née Millington) passed away peacefully at home on 6th September 2022. Dearly loved mother of Jeremy and Jane and widow of Chris. Funeral to take place on Monday 26th September 2022 at 1 p.m. at Christ Church, Greeton, near Cheltenham. Colourful clothing please. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Kate's Home Nursing and Cancer Research UK.
Online ref: 612183

UDAL.—John Oliver, died peacefully on 12th September aged 96. Much loved husband of Ann, father to Nicholas, Adrian and Joanna, grandfather to Charles and Johnny and stepfather to Susie. He will be greatly missed. Funeral at Chelsea Old Church at 2 p.m. on Monday 3rd October.
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Tessa Keswick

Kenneth Clarke’s political adviser, director of the Centre for Policy Studies, saloniste and Sinophile

TESSA KESWICK, who has died aged 79, was a well-known Society figure who surprised those who did not know her – and even some who did – by emerging in middle age as a far-from-grey eminence in the Conservative Party.

She straddled both sides of the party in its bitter ideological struggles. Her first appointment was as political adviser to Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer in John Major’s government, something of a “wet” and an arch-Europhile.

But then, having served with this bête noire of the Tory Right, in 1995 she became director of the Centre for Policy Studies. This was the intellectual centre of the dry, free-marketing Right of the party, where the Thatcherite revolution had been given some of its theoretical sustenance.

Even then she was not easily branded in terms of wet and dry, Left and Right. She disapproved in theory of “perverse incentive”, as in: “If you pay single mothers benefit, why would they marry and relieve the state?”

And yet she was not heartless on this subject. For some difficult years, she had lived alone bringing up a family in far from ideal circumstances, and this experience of “lone motherhood” gave her some sympathy with others in the same condition.

She was also disdainful of what she thought the Tory party’s traditional misogyny. She herself had struggled with the party machine. The turmoil of 1973-74 having excited her interest in politics, she became a Conservative member of Kensington council and wrote a pamphlet on child care.

But after she was allowed to fight a hopeless seat in the 1987 general election, she was not selected in 1992. After the 1997 Labour landslide she was dismayed that there were only 13 Tory women MPs, no more than in 1931. And she was contemptuous of those Tories who sneered at the 101 Labour women MPs as “Blair’s babes” or “quota women”.

“I can’t believe that I hear this argument,” she said. “It’s a typically sexist observation that just because there are 100 Labour women they’re somehow no good.” These sentiments came from an unlikely source.

Annabel Thérèse Fraser was born on October 15 1942, the daughter of



Tessa Keswick: in 2020 she published a memoir of China, drawing on 40 years of friendships developed partly through her husband Henry Keswick, taipan of the Far Eastern trading house Jardine Matheson



the 17th Lord Lovat, and into a family whose story was romantic but melancholy. The Frasers were Catholic highland chieftains who had once owned 250,000 acres, as well as their seat at Beaufort Castle in Inverness-shire.

An earlier Lord Lovat and MacShimidh – the clan’s name for its chief – took part in the 1745 rebellion and was beheaded after its failure. The peerage was attained, but revived in the next century.

Tessa’s father was a famous soldier, a DSO and MC who led his commandos ashore on D-Day. He had married Rosalind, the only daughter of Sir Jock Delves Broughton, notorious as the acquitted defendant in the “White Mischief” murder trial in wartime Kenya. Tessa later said that the case was “never discussed in our family when I was young”, but that: “We all thought he was innocent.”

Politics was in the blood: “Shimi” Lovat was briefly a junior minister, his brother was Sir Hugh Fraser MP, and one of his sisters married Sir Fitzroy Maclean MP. But for all its social and political glamour, the family had many sorrows to come.

An old-fashioned education under a French governess, and at the Convent of the Sacred Heart

in Oldingham and other convent schools in London, Paris and Madrid, left Tessa with fluent French though few formal qualifications. She briefly worked as a trainee at J Walter Thompson, but for a girl of her class the immediate goal was marriage.

In 1964 she married another Highland chieftain, Lord Reay, head of the Mackay clan. They had three children, but the marriage did not prosper. As she later said, it was a mismatch between lowland Protestant and highland Catholic – “and they’ve been fighting for hundreds of years”. The marriage was dissolved in 1978.

She thus found herself alone with two young sons and a daughter, and looked for work. For a time she worked for an American oil magazine, then as a financial scout for the entrepreneur Algy Cluff when he was forming a consortium to exploit North Sea oil. Her payment was in stock, and “luckily they struck oil the first time.”

In the 1960s Tessa had briefly worked selling advertising for *The Spectator*. She became part of the magazine’s larger family again after 1975 when it was bought by the “taipan” Henry Keswick, scion of the Jardine dynasty whose fortune stemmed from Hong Kong, and an old friend of hers.

Friendship ripened, and in 1985 she

and Keswick married. They soon became notable for their hospitality at their houses in Westminster and Wiltshire, where Tessa Keswick established the nearest thing to a political salon seen in England for years.

She was a member of Kensington Council from 1982 to 1986, and sat on its housing and special services committees, as well as serving as a governor of two local schools. At the 1987 general election she stood quixotically for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, her own “airt” but unwinnable for a Tory.

Then in 1989 she joined Ken Clarke, Health Secretary at the time, as special adviser. It seemed an unlikely choice, with both political and social dissonance between aristocratic High Tory and blokey, beer-drinking Europhile. Disparaging voices questioned her aptitude for this high-powered job. She was indeed more of a operator than an ideologue, but maybe for that reason it was a surprisingly successful partnership.

As she said: “We were very, very close and we were good fun together. He is a very, very funny man.” Nevertheless, in 1995 she abruptly left Clarke’s office, and, later in the year, became director of the Centre for Policy Studies.

In the 1990s Tessa Keswick’s family knew many sorrows. Her father died in great old age, but not before her brothers Andrew Fraser and Simon, Master of Lovat, had both predeceased him, one attacked by a buffalo on African safari, the other succumbing to a heart attack while hunting. The family fortune dwindled, and Beaufort had to be sold.

But Tessa Keswick had the consolations of her own domestic life and her work as one of the Right’s less probable but more popular muses.

In 2013 she became a director of Daily Mail and General Trust, and was elected chancellor of the University of Buckingham, a post she held until 2020. That year, she published *The Colour of the Sky After Rain*, a memoir of the Chinese people and culture she had grown to love over 40 years of travelling in the region.

Lady Keswick is survived by her husband Sir Henry (he was knighted in 2009) and by a daughter and two sons from her first marriage.

Tessa Keswick, born October 15 1942, died September 13 2022

Derrick Cantrell

Choirmaster and organist who served Manchester Cathedral

DERRICK CANTRELL, who has died aged 96, was organist and master of the choristers at Manchester Cathedral from 1962 to 1977; he was also conductor of the cathedral’s larger Cantata Choir, with whom he performed all the major Bach choral works. They were often accompanied by the Manchester Mozart Orchestra, a forerunner of today’s Manchester Camerata, at whose inaugural concert in 1963 Cantrell was soloist in Poulenc’s magnificent Organ Concerto.

Cantrell was something of a fixture on the Manchester music scene, broadcasting a Handel organ concerto with the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra, giving recitals at the cathedral and recording all CPE Bach’s sonatas at St Philip’s Church, Salford. He eschewed self-promotion, instead concentrating on producing music of the highest standard. Those who trained under him include some of today’s most prominent classical musicians including Simon Wright, David Hill and Wayne Marshall.

Keen to spread his musical wings, however, Cantrell left the cathedral at the relatively young age of 51 to devote himself to teaching, adjudicating and performing. He was not forgotten, and 20 years later was appointed organist emeritus.

Derrick Edward Cantrell was born in Sheffield on June 2 1926, the younger of two sons of Cyril Cantrell, also a church organist, and his wife Winifred (née Munn); his paternal grandfather had been a church musician while working in the city’s cutlery industry.

He was educated at King Edward VII Grammar School, Sheffield, and in 1944 joined the Navy and trained as a Japanese translator. By the time he qualified, however, the war was over and he instead served as education officer at HMS Fieldfare in Scotland, working with troops returning from overseas.

On demobilisation Cantrell took up a delayed Holroyd Music Scholarship to Keble College, Oxford, serving as assistant organist at New College and organist at St Giles’ Church. Coming down, he joined the Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling, combining his responsibilities there with lecturing at Glasgow University and what was then the Royal Scottish



He eschewed self-promotion

Academy of Music. He also revived Stirling Choral Union, today known as Stirling City Choir, and on December 26 1951 conducted their 100 members and an 18-piece orchestra in Handel’s *Messiah*.

In 1953 he succeeded the ebullient Stanley Vann as organist at Chelmsford Cathedral, where he was remembered as a gentler and less extroverted personality than his predecessor. He also directed the Chelmsford Singers, built his recital work and began collecting private pupils. Nine years later came the move to Manchester.

After leaving the cathedral he devoted more time to teaching at the Royal Northern College of Music, where he had worked since 1963. He also took advantage of the travel opportunities afforded by his role as a senior examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, which took him to Africa and the Far East. Closer to home, he was a regular adjudicator on the competition circuit, where his kindly assessments and words of encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Away from music Cantrell tried his hand at wine-making, fell walking and gardening. With the exception of Kenneth Clark’s *Civilisation* or *Morecambe and Wise* shows, he regarded the television as a vulgar distraction to be banished to a spare bedroom.

He continued to teach privately into his 80s, and on Palm Sunday 2014 was organist for John Stainer’s *The Crucifixion* at Hale Barns in Cheshire. More recently he won a national competition organised by the owner of his care home for a rendition of Beethoven’s *Moonlight Sonata*.

In 1950 Derrick Cantrell married Nancy Bland. She and their eldest daughter predeceased him. He is survived by two sons and another daughter.

Derrick Cantrell, born June 2 1926, died August 30 2022

Kenneth Starr

Lawyer who led the drive to impeach President Clinton over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky

KENNETH STARR, who has died aged 76, was the independent counsel whose investigations into the extramarital relationships of President Bill Clinton, the so-called “Zippergate” affair, outlined no fewer than 11 grounds for impeachment, including obstruction of justice, abuse of power and perjury.

Starr was initially appointed in 1994 to investigate the suicide of the deputy White House counsel Vince Foster and the Whitewater real estate investments of the Clintons. He later expanded the inquiry into other areas, including the extramarital affair that Clinton had with Monica Lewinsky.

In 1998 Starr filed what became known as the Starr Report, in which he alleged that Clinton had lied about the existence of the affair during a sworn deposition and dwelt at length on the excruciatingly embarrassing details of how he satisfied his sexual urges in the shadowy recesses of the White House.

Starr’s allegations forced Clinton to admit his sins on national television and opened the door for his impeachment in 1998 on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. But when he was acquitted by the Senate the following year, many blamed the allegedly partisan way in which Starr had pursued his quarry.

Twenty-four years earlier, when Leon Jaworski, the special counsel in the Watergate inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Richard Nixon, had presented his evidence, he provided no analysis and no conclusions. He left those to Congress.

Starr’s report, by contrast, was widely seen as an aggressive piece of legal advocacy. Most surprisingly, it contained no references to any of the issues which Starr had been investigating between August 1994, when he began work, and January 1998, when he received authority to turn his attention to the Lewinsky affair.

Whitewater, and other “scandals” which had sustained an entire Clinton conspiracy theory industry for years, ended by producing no charges whatsoever.

The Starr Report did not on its own provide the basis on which Congress could make a judgment about Clinton, and the fact that it consisted largely of Lewinsky-related allegations, much of it hearsay from witnesses whose motives were often suspect, enabled Clinton’s allies to present the report as a hatchet job, and Starr as a “deranged puritan” with an obsessive and prurient interest in the president’s sex life.

The Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz accused Starr of fanning the flames of “sexual McCarthyism”.

In fact the decision to extend the investigation had not been taken by Starr but by a three-judge panel appointed to oversee independent-counsel law, adopted after the



Starr appears before a US Senate committee in 1999: he later helped to defend Donald Trump during his impeachment proceedings, and was part of Jeffrey Epstein’s legal team

Watergate scandal in 1974, in consultation with the attorney general Janet Reno, a Clinton appointee. Her recommendation that Starr be allowed to follow up on evidence that emerged after he began his investigation was the reason why the inquiry became involved with Monica Lewinsky.

Kenneth Winston Starr was born on July 21 1946 in Vernon, Texas, the youngest of three children of Vannie, née Trimble, and Willie Starr, a fundamentalist minister and barber. Religion and hard work would remain central to Kenneth’s life. According to his mother he “thrived on spankings” but was “a good boy, not one of those who ran around at night... By the time he got to junior high, his hobby was polishing shoes.”

At Sam Houston High School he distributed campaign literature for Richard Nixon and Barry Goldwater. After graduating, he spent two years at Harding College, a Church of Christ school in Arkansas, selling Bibles door-to-door to pay for his tuition.

He transferred to George Washington University where, while other students wore long hair and protested against the Vietnam War, Starr wore a tie to lectures. Thanks to a bout of psoriasis he avoided Vietnam. After graduating, he married Alice Mendell.

He read Law at Duke University then joined the Washington office of the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He spent a year as a clerk at the Supreme Court with the conservative Republican Chief Justice William Burger, and in 1980, when his mentor William French Smith was appointed attorney general to Ronald Reagan, Starr followed him to Washington. He was swiftly appointed to the District of

Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, regarded as the waiting-room for Supreme Court justices. George HW Bush appointed him solicitor general.

But Starr’s hopes of making it to the Supreme Court were disappointed. In 1990 a vacancy was filled by David Souter, a little-known but less controversial judge from New Hampshire. Another chance came in 1991, but again Starr missed out. The nomination went to Clarence Thomas, a black conservative lawyer.

When Bush lost the 1992 presidential election Starr, then 46, could still have hoped for greater things. He was relatively young, and had friends throughout the legal establishment. Though conservative on most issues he had shown an independent streak that pleased civil libertarians. As solicitor general, when the White House asked him to advise military contractors in a dispute with whistleblowers, Starr sided with the whistleblowers and against President Bush.

He returned to private practice, this time at the Washington firm Kirkland & Ellis, where he became the most sought-after appellate lawyer.

As he advanced in his career, Starr made a habit of consulting close friends in the Justice Department for advice. But when he was invited to take the independent counsel’s job in the summer of 1994 he did not call them, and they remained baffled, particularly as he was on record as arguing that the position of independent counsel was unconstitutional.

There was probably some truth in all the motivations ascribed to Starr – that he disliked Clinton, felt a civic and religious duty, and had trouble saying no. But it is difficult to reconcile the claim that he was part of a conspiracy

devoted to destroying the president with the fact that, in 1997, he tried to leave the independent counsel’s job for the life of a dean at Pepperdine University.

Nor did his investigation please the Clinton-baiters. Not only did he fail to uncover evidence of criminal activity, but he even dismissed the most potent of conspiracy theories – that Vince Foster had been murdered. When in 1997 Starr issued an interim report that Foster had, as claimed, committed suicide, there was irritation in some Republican circles.

Yet if Starr was not a zealot, he did little to avoid the appearance of being partisan. In 1996, a month before the presidential election, he appeared with Pat Robertson, the Christian-Right leader and Clinton-baiter, at a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of Robertson’s law school.

In addition, he allegedly leaked confidential grand jury testimony to reporters; pushed for the videotaping of Clinton’s interrogation, virtually assuring that it would become public even though grand jury testimony is normally held in camera; and sent a report to Congress omitting Monica Lewinsky’s statement that the president had never asked her to lie and that she was not promised a job in exchange for her silence.

After five years as independent counsel, Starr returned to private practice as an appellate lawyer and as a visiting professor at New York University and the George Mason University School of Law.

In 2004 he was appointed dean of Pepperdine University School of Law and in 2010 he was inaugurated president of Baylor University, a Christian university in Texas, a post from which he was removed in 2016 after an independent investigation found that the university had mishandled accusations of sexual assault against its football players.

In 2007 Starr was part of the legal team (with Alan Dershowitz) of Jeffrey Epstein which made a deal with the Florida US Attorney Alexander Acosta that protected the financier and accused paedophile from federal prosecution. Epstein subsequently pleaded guilty to a state charge of solicitation of underage girls.

In January 2020 Starr was part of the legal team that defended President Donald Trump in impeachment proceedings, apparently bearing no grudge against the man who in 1999, had described Starr variously as “a lunatic”, “a disaster”, “a total wacko” and “totally off his rocker”.

Ken Starr is survived by his wife Alice and by their son and two daughters.

Kenneth Starr, born July 21 1946, died September 13 2022

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Shetland’s gloomy clouds part for a fairy-tale ending



Douglas Henshall bids farewell to DI Jimmy Pérez after nine years in the role

It's been a week for fond farewells and here came another as actor Douglas Henshall's careworn detective, Jimmy Pérez, hung up his trademark black peacoat in *Shetland* (BBC One). He was finally ground down by the Scottish archipelago's unfeasibly high murder rate, I presume.

The seventh series of windswept sleuthing climaxed with DI Pérez racing to avert an eco-terrorist atrocity. A rogue protestor was on the loose with a homemade bomb. Our hero gave hot pursuit – unusually for this glacially paced drama, we were even treated to a car chase – before a tense cliff-top stand-off. Surely Pérez wouldn't go out with a bang by being blown to smithereens?

Mercifully not, although the case wasn't quite closed. There was still time for another twist as it became clear that not all three murders this series were connected. Pérez reluctantly nabbed unlikely killer Alison Woods (Laurie Brett), who'd committed a crime of passion to protect her lover.

Artist Lloyd Anderson (Patrick Robinson) was behind bars, awaiting extradition to the US, where he was a wanted man after being framed for murder. Knowing he'd likely receive the death penalty, Pérez broke the rules by letting him go. Not a bad day's

work – catching two murderers, setting an innocent man free – but would he get the girl too?

His faltering romance with nurse Meg (Lucianne McEvoy) has been on and off more times than the Lerwick police station kettle. She feared he was married to the job and for an agonising moment, it appeared they wouldn't end up together. However, his explosive near-miss had put the future in perspective and he quit the force. As the pair embraced on the harbour wall, the camera glided up and framed the handsome scenery. It was as close to a fairy-tale ending as we would hope.

Beneath the Scandi stylings, *Shetland* is resolutely middlebrow, rather like Ann Cleeves' other creation, ITV's *Vera*. The plot didn't always convince, the dialogue was awkwardly expositional, a few accents creaked. However, Henshall's quietly powerful performance lifted it – a sad-eyed truth-seeker, his peacoat collar turned up against the dark forces of evil.

Shetland will continue with a new lead detective, yet to be announced. Devotees are rooting for Pérez's sidekick, DS Alison "Tosh" McIntosh (Alison O'Donnell), to be promoted to protagonist. "You're ready," Pérez told her. "Trust me." It felt like a message to BBC bigwigs as much as Tosh herself.

Michael Hogan

The central relationship in *Minx* (Paramount+) is between an uptight young woman and a charismatic man who thinks she needs to lighten up. You've seen it a hundred times before, but probably not in a show featuring quite so many penises.

It's set in the 1970s and Ophelia Lovibond plays an earnest feminist named Joyce Prigger, who is sick of magazines offering tips on snagging a spouse or sticking to the Grapefruit Diet. She wants to launch her own publication addressing gender pay inequality and abortion rights.

A publisher does offer Joyce a deal. Unfortunately, it's freewheeling porn publisher Doug Renetti (Jake Johnson), whose other titles include *Stiletto Slappers*, *Lusty Lesbos* and *High Heel Hoochies*. The magazine is reimagined as something close to *Playgirl* and Doug's big idea is to have naked centrefolds. As he bluntly puts it: "Feminism is about making s-t fair and equal for the chicks. How is it fair and equal that a guy has 12 places to go to see a pair of t-s but a gal has no place to go to see a dong?"

This leads to a full-frontal sequence in which a variety of male models come in to audition. Think Channel 4's *Naked Attraction* but with a higher level of quality control.

Despite this – and it's a pretty naked attempt by the show's makers, HBO, to grab your attention – *Minx* is rather tame, if you're relaxed about the racy language. It trips along lightly, with plenty of fun deriving from the odd-couple chemistry between the two leads (less can be said for the thinly drawn supporting characters, including a ditsy model named Bambi and Doug's straight-talking black secretary). Lovibond has decent comic timing and when her character becomes annoying, Johnson's scruffy charm compensates.

If only it weren't so predictable – when Joyce reacts prudishly to a feature on sex toys, you know full well that she'll have discovered their delights by the end of the episode. The moral messaging is all over the place, and ultimately it's a bit awkward that the most likeable character in this feminist comedy is a man.

Anita Singh

Shetland ★★★★★
Minx ★★★

What to watch

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL
Channel 5, 9pm



Finally, the wedding bells ring out for Helen (Rachel Shenton) and James (Nicholas Ralph)

A third series of the 1930s period drama picks up the story soon after the last. Some months after the long-awaited proposal and with army officers recruiting soldiers for the coming war, James (Nicholas Ralph) and Helen's (Rachel Shenton) wedding day has finally almost arrived. Ever the professional curmudgeon, Siegfried (Samuel West) is vocally dismayed at their imminent departure on honeymoon during the

busiest time of the year for the practice, but soon drowns his sorrows as he, James and Tristan (Callum Woodhouse) convene at The Drovers Arms for a yard or two of ale. What could go wrong? Suspected TB among a herd of cows, a vomiting dog, a vanishing ring and some appalling hangovers conspire against them as they race to the church, while Helen's nerves are given a bit of buttressing by a pep talk

from the indefatigable Mrs Hall (Anna Madeley). Although references to the probable implications of James's "sense of duty" and the gathering storm clouds over Europe suggest this third series could be far darker in its tone, the performances and writing are sufficiently deft and charming in this opener; we are quite obviously still in hands that keep us as safe as the animals of the Yorkshire Dales.

Gabriel Tate

DOCUMENTARY

My Grandparents' War: Kit Harrington
Channel 4, 9pm
Keira Knightley, Toby Jones, Emeli Sandé and *Game of Thrones* star Kit Harrington comprise another star-studded line-up for this absorbing series in which celebrities find out about ancestors' achievements in wartime. Tonight, Harrington finds curious stories on both sides, from John Harrington's brief to keep tabs on the Duke of Windsor after abdication to traumas endured by Mick Catesby during the notoriously brutal Italian campaign; their wives,



Secrets of Your Supermarket Shop: Conran and Bell

Lavender and Pippa, have equally remarkable stories.

Chaos in Kabul: Escaping the Taliban
Sky Documentaries, 9pm
One of the most inglorious

recent chapters in British foreign policy is analysed unflinchingly by a raft of talking heads that includes politicians, diplomats and Afghan evacuees in this one-off documentary about a poorly-handled situation the disastrous repercussions of which are still only now becoming fully apparent.

ENTERTAINMENT

Milkshake!
Channel 5, 6am
While less celebrated than CBeebies, CBBC or even CITV, Channel 5's line in children's programming has made its own substantial impact showing hits such as *Paw Patrol* and the endlessly

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victorious *Peppa Pig*, as well as more humble triumphs such as *The World According to Grandpa*. Today, its 25th anniversary is marked with a birthday episode of *Peppa Pig* and some cake.

Celebrity MasterChef
BBC One, from 8.30pm; Wales, from 9pm
The series resumes with the last of the semi-finals as seven remaining cooks are tasked to recreate one of Mary Berry's signature classic recipes, before cooking a dish dedicated to Her Majesty the Queen in celebration of this year's Platinum Jubilee. In today's second episode, it's a comfort-food task for restaurant critic Grace Dent. The five successful contestants will go through



All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star – Dinny Hall

to next week where only three will be selected for Thursday's grand final.

All That Glitters
BBC Two, 9pm
Inspiration and motivation are at the forefront of today's episode as the crafters must devise a brooch not only inspired by "Birmingham" but also made from a piece of old rope. Host Katherine Ryan is on hand to keep spirits high.

FACTUAL

Secrets of Your Supermarket Shop
Channel 5, 8pm
Angellica Bell and Alexis Conran head out to compare supermarket clothing with high-street brands, look at the environmental footprint of supermarket asparagus and consider the thrifty potential of offal in yet another timely consumer-focused dispatch.

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PUZZLES

Radio choice Gerard O'Donovan



In Our Time

Radio 4, 9am

Big Brother might not have the bandwidth to watch all of us, all of the time, but he's listening and will doubtless pay close attention to today's edition in which Melvyn Bragg, back from a short summer break, discusses George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. His guests are

leading Orwell academics – York University's John Bowen, Cambridge's Lisa Mullen and Oxford's David Dwan – who explore the novel's origins and themes, and the key exploration of the relationship between truth and fiction, as well as Orwell's insight that truth, and its manipulation, would be a key battleground for the politics of the future.

Once Upon a Time

Radio 4, 11.30am

"This is a story about stories and, in particular, sad stories. But don't let that put you off ..." Mel Harris looks at how children's literature can help prepare children for difficult life moments such as illness, death and bereavement. Inspired by her hero, the anthropologist

Myra Bluebond-Langner, who devoted her career to helping children with life-limiting conditions, Harris sets out to find out about what books, such as *Charlotte's Web*, are available to children facing such momentous events, taking suggestions from readers, psychologists and authors, among them children's laureate, Joseph Coelho.

RADIO 1

FM 97.6-99.8MHz

6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick and Jordan **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds with Clara Amfo **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop with Mollie King **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** Radio 1's Residency **12.00** Radio 1's Residency **1.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Radio 1's Ibiza Anthems **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00 - 6.33am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Emma-Louise

RADIO 2

FM 88-90.2MHz

6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Ken Bruce **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00pm** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Jo Whitley. Music and chat **9.00** Her Majesty's Music **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00am** Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin **4.00 - 6.30am** Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 3

FM 90.2-92.4MHz

6.30am Breakfast **9.00** Essential Classics **12.00** Composer of the Week: Bruckner **1.00pm** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert **2.00** Afternoon Concert **5.00** In Tune **7.00** In Tune Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra and Susanna Malkki in concert at Edinburgh's Usher Hall **10.00** Free Thinking **10.45** The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language

11.00 The Night Tracks Mix **11.30** Unclassified **12.30am - 6.30am** Through the Night

RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz; LW 198KHz

6.00am Today **9.00 In Our Time** See **Radio choice** **9.45** Book of the Week: A Visible Man **9.45** LW: Daily Service **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Crossing Continents **11.30 Once Upon a Time** See **Radio choice** **12.00** News **12.01pm** LW: Shipping Forecast **12.04** You and Yours **12.30** All Consuming **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Reflections on Majesty **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Mummuration **3.00** Ramblings **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Open Book **4.00** The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry **4.30** The Digital Human **5.00** PM **5.54** LW: Shipping Forecast **5.57** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News **6.30** Michael Spicer: Before Next Door. Last in the series **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row. Arts programme **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** The Blind Astronomer **9.00** BBC Inside Science **9.30** In Our Time **9.59** Weather **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Reflections on Majesty **11.00** Your Place or Mine **11.30** The Digital Human **12.00** News and Weather **12.30am** Book of the Week: A Visible Man **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45** Farming Today **5.58 - 6.00am** Tweet of the Day

RADIO 5 LIVE

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6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Adrian Chiles **1.00pm**

Nick Bright **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **7.30** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **9.00** 5 Live Sport: The Euro Leagues Podcast **10.00** Colin Murray **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00** The Big Green Money Show **5.30 - 6.00am** Wake Up to Money

CLASSIC FM

FM 99.9-101.9MHz

6.00am More Music Breakfast **9.00** Alexander Armstrong **12.00** Anne-Marie Minihall **4.00pm** John Brunning **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven. Presented by Zeb Soanes **10.00** Smooth Classics. With Margherita Taylor **1.00am** Karthi Gnanasegaram **4.00 - 6.00am** Early Breakfast

WORLD SERVICE

DIGITAL ONLY

8.00am News **8.06** The Inquiry **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** News **9.06** Assignment **9.30** Healthcheck **10.00** News **10.06** The Forum **10.50** Sporting Witness **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Food Chain **12.00** News **12.06pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Healthcheck **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.06** The Inquiry **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.06** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.06** Assignment **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.06** The Inquiry **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** The Newsroom **11.20** Sports News **11.30** The Food Chain **12.00** News **12.06am** The Forum **12.50** Sporting Witness **1.00** News **1.06** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** World Football **3.00** News **3.06** Outlook **3.50** Witness






History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** Heart and Soul **5.00 - 8.00am** Newsday

RADIO 4 EXTRA

DIGITAL ONLY

6.00am Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery **6.30** Agatha Raisin **7.00** To Hull and Back **7.30** Michael Spicer: Before Next Door **8.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **8.30** No Commitments **9.00** The History of Brazil Is Round **9.15** Betsy and Napoleon **9.30** Trevor's World of Sport **10.00** Devonian **10.45** Short Works **11.00** Desert Island Discs **11.45** David Attenborough's Life Stories **12.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **12.30pm** No Commitments **1.00** Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery **1.30** Agatha Raisin **2.00** Adventures of a Young Naturalist **2.15** Eleanor Rising **2.30** In Search of the Singing Postman **3.00** Devonian **3.45** Short Works **4.00** The History of Brazil Is Round **4.15** Betsy and Napoleon **4.30** Trevor's World of Sport **5.00** To Hull and Back **5.30** Michael Spicer: Before Next Door **6.00** The Slide **6.30** Great Lives **7.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **7.30** No Commitments **8.00** Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery **8.30** Agatha Raisin **9.00** Desert Island Discs **9.45** David Attenborough's Life Stories **10.00** Comedy Club **12.00** The Slide **12.30am** Great Lives **1.00** Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery **1.30** Agatha Raisin **2.00** Adventures of a Young Naturalist **2.15** Eleanor Rising **2.30** In Search of the Singing Postman **3.00** Devonian **3.45** Short Works **4.00** The History of Brazil Is Round **4.15** Betsy and Napoleon **4.30** Trevor's World of Sport **5.00** To Hull and Back **5.30 - 6.00am** Michael Spicer: Before Next Door

Main channels

BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
<p>6.00 am Breakfast (S) 10.00 Animal Park (S) 10.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown (S) 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)</p> <p>12.15 pm Bargain Hunt (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (S)</p> <p>1.30 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>1.45 Doctors (AD) (S)</p> <p>2.15 Money for Nothing (R) (S)</p> <p>3.00 Escape to the Country (AD) (S)</p> <p>3.45 The Bidding Room (R) (S)</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Road Trip (S)</p> <p>5.15 Pointless (S)</p> <p>6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather (S)</p> <p>6.30 Regional News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.45 am Bargain Hunt (R) (S) 7.30 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S) 8.15 Sign Zone: Fake or Fortune? (AD) (R) (S) (SL) 9.15 Coast (R) (S) 10.00 News (S)</p> <p>1.00 pm Best Bakes Ever (R) (S)</p> <p>1.45 News (S)</p> <p>6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games (S)</p> <p>6.30 Unbeatable (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Good Morning Britain (S) 9.00 Lorraine (S) 10.00 This Morning (S)</p> <p>12.30 pm Loose Women (S)</p> <p>1.30 News; Weather (S)</p> <p>1.55 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (AD) (S)</p> <p>3.00 Tenable (S)</p> <p>4.00 Tipping Point (S)</p> <p>5.00 The Chase (S)</p> <p>6.00 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>6.30 News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.10 am Countdown (R) (S) 6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD) (R) (S) 7.15 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD) (R) (S) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 9.00 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 9.30 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 10.00 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 10.30 Four in a Bed (R) (S) 11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S)</p> <p>12.00 Channel 4 News (S)</p> <p>12.30 pm Steph's Packed Lunch (S)</p> <p>2.10 Countdown (S)</p> <p>3.00 A Place in the Sun (R) (S)</p> <p>4.00 Chateau DIY (AD) (S)</p> <p>5.00 Moneybags (S)</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>6.30 Hollyoaks (AD) (R) (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Milkshake! See What to watch 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)</p> <p>12.45 pm Holiday Homes in the Sun (S)</p> <p>1.40 5 News at Lunchtime (S)</p> <p>1.45 Home and Away (S)</p> <p>2.15 FILM: My Killer Twin (2021, TVM) Thriller starring Emily Piggford (S)</p> <p>4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (R) (S)</p> <p>5.00 5 News at 5 (S)</p> <p>6.00 Cash in the Attic (AD) (S)</p>
 <p>Celebrity MasterChef: Lisa Snowden</p>	 <p>Saving Lives at Sea</p>	 <p>Emmerdale</p>	 <p>My Grandparents' War: Kit Harington</p>	 <p>Milkshake! celebrates 25 years</p>
<p>7.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered Viewers' memories and stories of the Queen (S)</p> <p>7.30 EastEnders Dotty makes a confession to Vinny (AD) (S)</p> <p>8.00 The Repair Shop (R) (S)</p> <p>8.30 Celebrity MasterChef The semi-finals continue as the seven cooks recreate a Mary Berry classic See What to watch (AD) (S)</p> <p>9.30 Celebrity MasterChef The remaining six cooks devise a comfort-food dish for critic Grace Dent See What to watch (S)</p> <p>10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)</p> <p>10.30 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>10.40 Question Time Topical debate from Birmingham (S)</p> <p>11.00 Regional News; Weather 11.10 FILM: Their Finest (2016) Comedy drama starring Gemma Arterton 1.05-6.00am News</p>	<p>7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Actors Robert Daws and Mark Curry go antique hunting in Lancashire (R) (S)</p> <p>8.00 Saving Lives at Sea A teenage girl is swept out to sea (AD) (S)</p> <p>9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star The jewellers make a best-selling brooch inspired by Birmingham's rich culture See What to watch (AD) (S)</p> <p>10.00 TOTP 1987 Classic chart-toppers (S) 10.30 Newsnight (S)</p> <p>11.15 Cricket: Women's T20 Highlights 11.45 Days That Shook the BBC with David Dimbleby 12.45am Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves 1.45 Sign Zone: The Queen & 12.45 Sign Zone: The Longest Reign: The Queen and Her People 3.45 - 6.30am This Is BBC Two</p>	<p>7.30 Emmerdale Kim learns Hazel has been in a car accident (AD) (S)</p> <p>8.00 Emmerdale The police show Kim proof that Jamie is alive (AD) (S)</p> <p>8.30 Emmerdale Harriet informs an anxious Kim that they have not found Millie (AD) (S)</p> <p>9.00 Coronation Street Leanne begs Toyah not to say something she will regret in court (AD) (S)</p> <p>10.00 News; Weather (S)</p> <p>10.30 Regional News; Weather (S)</p> <p>10.45 Queen and Country A look at the Queen's love of country life (R) (S)</p> <p>11.40 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad 12.10am Shop: Ideal World 3.00 Bling 3.50 Unwind with ITV 5.05 - 6.00am Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook</p>	<p>7.00 Channel 4 News (S)</p> <p>8.00 George Clarke's Old House, New Home George advises a couple transforming their Victorian terrace in Clapham (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>9.00 My Grandparents' War: Kit Harington New series. The actor revisits his grandparents' experiences during the Second World War See What to watch (AD) (S)</p> <p>10.00 Grand Designs A couple planning to build a black minimalist house on a Scottish country estate (R) (S)</p> <p>11.05 Britain's Most Expensive Houses 12.10am First Dates Hotel 1.05 Finding the Cornish Dream 2.00 FILM: Village Rockstars (2017) Premiere. Drama with Bhanita Das 3.30 The Queen: Mother and Monarch 4.20 Perfect House, Secret Location 5.15 - 6.10am The Great Home Transformation</p>	<p>7.00 Costco: How Do They Really Do It? A look at the workings of the membership-only retailer (R) (S)</p> <p>7.55 5 News Update (S)</p> <p>8.00 Secrets of Your Supermarket Shop Angellica Bell tests kitchen gadgets See What to watch (AD) (S)</p> <p>9.00 All Creatures Great and Small New series. Return of the drama starring Nicholas Ralph See What to watch (AD) (S)</p> <p>10.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Ben meets a photographer living off the land in Oregon (R) (S)</p> <p>11.05 Police: Night Shift 999 12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 1.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 2.00 999: Critical Condition 3.00 What a Treat! Our Favourite Sweets 5.00 Wildlife SOS 5.25 Entertainment News on 5 5.30 Peppa Pig 5.35 Paw Patrol 5.50 - 6.00am Fireman Sam</p>

Film choice



Life is Beautiful (1997)
Sky Cinema Greats, 8pm ★★★★★

This drama won the Grand Prix at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival, along with three Oscars, and switches from a lightweight romance set in Fascist Italy to an unlikely comedy. Roberto Benigni (who also co-wrote and directed) plays a bookshop owner who tries to convince his son that their concentration camp ordeal is part of an elaborate game – resulting in some of the most moving scenes in cinema.



The Elephant Man (1980, b/w)
BBC Four, 9pm ★★★★★

David Lynch's tear-jerker stars John Hurt as the deformed 19th-century Londoner Joseph Merrick, who was exhibited in a freak show as “The Elephant Man”. After being rescued by Dr Frederick Treves (Anthony Hopkins), Merrick reveals a highly intelligent mind, suppressed by his exploiters. Lynch's peculiar vision of the world and an unsentimental script makes for a timelessly moving drama.



Wind River (2017)
Film4, 11.35pm ★★★

Taylor Sheridan's chilly noir is set on a Native American reservation high in the Wyoming wilderness – a place of “snow and silence”, as Cory Lambert (Jeremy Renner), one of the local game-trackers, puts it. Renner gives his subtlest performance in years as he attempts to track down the killer of a girl found in the snow. It's a desolate portrait of an abandoned community, battling for their own survival.

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<p>FV 9 FS 173 SKY 116 VIRGIN 107</p> <p>7.00 pm Takaya: Lone Wolf</p> <p>8.00 The Last Days of Anne Boleyn</p> <p>9.00 FILM: The Elephant Man (1980, b/w) Fact-based drama starring John Hurt See Film choice</p> <p>11.00 The Sky at Night</p> <p>11.30 Afghanistan: The Great Game – A Personal View by Rory Stewart</p> <p>12.30 am Afghanistan: The Great Game – A Personal View by Rory Stewart</p> <p>1.30 Takaya: Lone Wolf</p> <p>2.30 - 3.30am Mars – A Traveller's Guide: Horizon</p>	<p>FV 10 FS 115 SKY 119 VIRGIN 117</p> <p>11.30 am Heartbeat</p> <p>12.35 pm Heartbeat</p> <p>1.40 Classic Emmerdale</p> <p>2.10 Classic Coronation Street</p> <p>2.45 Classic Coronation Street</p> <p>3.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot</p> <p>4.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot</p> <p>6.00 Heartbeat</p> <p>7.00 Heartbeat</p> <p>8.00 Vera</p> <p>10.00 Professor T</p> <p>11.05 Professor T</p> <p>12.10 am The Royal</p> <p>1.10 The Royal</p> <p>2.10 Unwind with ITV</p> <p>2.30 - 6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>FV 26 FS 117 SKY 120 VIRGIN 118</p> <p>11.10 am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</p> <p>12.20 pm The Saint</p> <p>1.25 Match Time Revisited</p> <p>2.25 Magnum, PI</p> <p>3.30 English Football League Highlights</p> <p>5.05 Great Racehorses</p> <p>5.30 ITV Racing: Racing League Live</p> <p>9.00 World Rally Championship Highlights</p> <p>10.00 FILM: The Krays (1990) Gangster biopic</p> <p>12.30 am All Elite Wrestling: Rampage</p> <p>1.35 Minder</p> <p>2.40 Unwind with ITV</p> <p>3.00 - 6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>SKY 113 VIRGIN 122</p> <p>Noon NCIS: New Orleans</p> <p>1.00 pm Hawaii Five-0</p> <p>2.00 MacGyver</p> <p>3.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow</p> <p>4.00 The Flash</p> <p>5.00 Supergirl</p> <p>6.00 Stargate SG-1</p> <p>7.00 Stargate SG-1</p> <p>8.00 An Idiot Abroad 2</p> <p>9.00 A League of Their Own</p> <p>10.00 COBRA: Cyberwar</p> <p>11.00 Rob & Roshes vs Ballet</p> <p>12.00 S.W.A.T.</p> <p>1.00 am Road Wars</p> <p>2.00 Brit Cops: War on Crime</p> <p>3.00 - 4.00am Hawaii Five-0</p>	<p>SKY 108</p> <p>11.05 am The Sopranos</p> <p>12.15 pm Ray Donovan</p> <p>1.20 Ray Donovan</p> <p>2.25 Game of Thrones</p> <p>3.30 Boardwalk Empire</p> <p>4.40 Boardwalk Empire</p> <p>5.45 The Sopranos</p> <p>6.50 The Sopranos</p> <p>7.55 Game of Thrones</p> <p>9.00 I Hate Suzie</p> <p>9.45 The Staircase</p> <p>11.00 House of the Dragon</p> <p>12.05 am Gangs of London</p> <p>1.10 Mare of Easttown</p> <p>2.20 Munich Games</p> <p>3.30 - 4.00am In Treatment</p>	<p>FV 14 FS 300 SKY 313 VIRGIN 428</p> <p>11.00 am Red Mountain (1951) Western starring Alan Ladd</p> <p>12.45 pm This Happy Breed (1944) Drama</p> <p>2.55 Dragoon Wells Massacre (1957) Western</p> <p>4.40 Mary, Queen of Scots (1971) Historical biopic starring Vanessa Redgrave</p> <p>7.15 Johnny English Strikes Again (2018) Spy comedy starring Rowan Atkinson</p> <p>9.00 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) Action starring Harrison Ford</p> <p>11.35 Wind River (2017) Drama starring Jeremy Renner See Film choice</p> <p>1.45 - 4.00am Maffie (2019)</p>	<p>FV 20 FS 158 SKY 143 VIRGIN 130</p> <p>Noon The Bill</p> <p>1.00 pm Classic EastEnders</p> <p>1.40 Classic EastEnders</p> <p>2.20 Monarch of the Glen</p> <p>3.20 A Place to Call Home</p> <p>4.20 All Creatures Great and Small</p> <p>5.20 Birds of a Feather</p> <p>6.00 Are You Being Served?</p> <p>6.40 'Allo 'Allo!</p> <p>7.20 Last of the Summer Wine</p> <p>8.00 Judge John Deed</p> <p>10.00 New Tricks</p> <p>11.20 Spooks</p> <p>12.40 am Bad Girls</p> <p>1.50 Les Miserables</p> <p>3.05 - 4.00am Birds of a Feather</p>
<p>ITV2</p> <p>Noon Supermarket Sweep 1.00pm Family Fortunes 2.00 The Masked Singer US 3.05 Veronica Mars 4.00 One Tree Hill 5.00 Hart of Dixie 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase 7.00 Secret Crush 8.00 Bob's Burgers 9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: American Road Trip 10.00 Shopping with Keith Lemon 10.30 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30am Bob's Burgers 1.30 Iain Stirling's Celebrity 2.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.45 Unwind with ITV 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>E4</p> <p>Noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine 1.00pm The Big Bang Theory 3.00 Young Sheldon 4.00 Married at First Sight UK 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Below Deck: Mediterranean 9.00 Married at First Sight UK 10.00 Dirty House Rescue: Queens of Clean 11.05 Gogglebox 12.05am Married at First Sight UK 1.15 Rick and Morty 1.50 Tuca & Bertie 2.20 Dirty House Rescue: Queens of Clean 3.10-4.00am Below Deck</p> <p>More4</p> <p>11.05am Find It, Fix It, Flop It 1.10pm Heir Hunters 2.10 Four in a Bed 4.50 Find It, Fix It, Flop It 5.55</p>	<p>Car S.O.S 6.55 Escape to the Chateau 7.55 Wondrous Wales 9.00 Huge Homes with Hugh Dennis 10.00 24 Hours in A&E 11.00 999: On the Front Line 12.05am Huge Homes with Hugh Dennis 1.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 2.15 24 Hours in A&E 3.20-3.50am Food Unwrapped</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Noon Bangers and Cash 1.00pm Border Force: America's Gatekeepers 2.00 Top Gear 3.00 Rick Stein's Secret France 4.00 Top Gear 5.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul 6.00 Taskmaster 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games 7.40 Room 101 8.20 Would I Lie to You? 9.00 QI XL 10.00 Late Night Mash 11.00 Question Time 12.00 Mock the Week 12.40am QI 1.15 QI XL 2.25 Room 101 2.55 Would I Lie to You? 3.25-4.00am Mock the Week</p> <p>Sky Sports Main Event</p> <p>10.45am Live Rugby Championship. Australia v New Zealand (kick-off 10.45am). Live coverage of the match from the fifth round of fixtures, which takes place at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne 12.40pm Live DP World Tour Golf. The DS Automobiles Italian Open. Live coverage of day one at Marco Simone Golf Club in Rome, Italy. The Danish golfer Nicolai</p>	<p>Hojgaard picked up the win here last year 5.30 Sky Sports News 6.00 Live Women's International T20 Cricket. England v India Women. Live coverage of the third match of the series, which comes from Seat Unique Stadium in Bristol 10.00 Live PGA Tour Golf. The AmazingCre Portland Classic 11.00 Live PGA Tour Golf. The Fortinet Championship 12.30-4.30am Live NFL. Kansas City Chiefs v Los Angeles Chargers (kick-off 1.15am)</p> <p>Sky Sports Premier League</p> <p>Noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Years 3.00 PL Greatest Games 4.00 Premier League Best Goals 5.00 Premier League 100 Club 5.30 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special 6.00 Lionesses Special: Their Story 7.00 Premier League – The Big Interview 7.30 Premier League Stories 8.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox 9.00 Premier League – The Big Interview 9.30 Premier League Stories 10.00 Premier League Icons 10.30 PL Retro 12.30am Premier League Icons 1.00 Premier League Years 3.00-4.00am PL Greatest Games</p> <p>BT Sport 1</p> <p>11.30am World Padel Tour 1.30pm WSL Championship Tour 2.30 Live:</p>	<p>Hero CPL. Barbados Royals v Jamaica Tallawahs 6.45 BT Sport Reload 7.00 Ligue 1 Show 7.30 Live Uefa Europa Conference League. RFS v Hearts (kick-off 8.00pm) 10.15 Currie Club 10.45 Premier League – The Big Interview 11.15 BT Sport Reload 11.30 MLB Plays of the Week 12.00 Live MLB. New York Mets v Pittsburgh Pirates (start-time 12.20am) 3.30-4.00am ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls</p> <p>Sky History</p> <p>Noon American Pickers 1.00pm Weird or What? with William Shatner 2.00 Highway Thru Hell 3.00 Pawn Stars 4.00 River Hunters Special 5.00 Ross Kemp: Shipwreck Treasure Hunter 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 Pawn Stars 9.00 Forged in Fire 10.00 Alone: Polar Bear Island 11.30 The American Presidency with Bill Clinton 12.30am Pawn Stars 1.30 Forged in Fire 2.30-4.00am Alone: Polar Bear Island</p> <p>Sky Arts</p> <p>Noon Cézanne: Portraits of a Life 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected 2.00 Boswell & Johnson's Scottish Road Trip 3.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2014 4.00 Discovering: Joan Fontaine 5.00 Tales of the Unexpected 6.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 7.00 Discovering: Robert Donat 8.00 Lenny Henry's Got</p>	<p>the Blues 9.00 The Directors 10.00 Discovering: George Clooney 11.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.00 FILM: David Gilmore: Live at Pompeii (2017) Highlights of the guitarist's solo concerts from July 2016 1.20am Robert Plant & The Sensational Space Shifters: Austin City Limits 2.35-4.00am Discovering Sci-Fi on Film</p> <p>Sky Cinema Premiere</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 11.45am A Journal for Jordan (2021) Drama starring Michael B Jordan 2.00pm Last Looks (2021) Thriller starring Charlie Hunnam 4.10 Even Mice Belong in Heaven (2021) Animated comedy 5.50 The 355 (2022) Action thriller starring Jessica Chastain 8.00 Belfast (2021) Kenneth Branagh's drama starring Jamie Dornan and Judi Dench 9.45 The Saint 11.00 Justice 11.00 The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes 11.00 Widows 12.00 Enemy at the Door 1.00am FILM: GI Blues (1960) Musical starring Elvis Presley 3.05-4.40am FILM: Meet the Navy (1946) Musical comedy starring Lionel Murton</p> <p>PBS America</p> <p>Noon Nazi Hunters 1.00pm The Last Voices of World War One 2.00 The Atom and Us 3.15 The Silk Road 4.25 The Last Voices of World War One</p>	<p>5.25 Nazi Hunters 6.25 The Atom and Us 7.35 The Silk Road 8.50 The Last Voices of World War One 9.50 Nazi Hunters 10.45 The Silk Road 12.00 The Atom and Us 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 2.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>Talking Pictures TV</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 11.15am FILM: The Keys of the Kingdom (1944, b/w) Drama starring Gregory Peck 2.00pm Hannay 3.00 FILM: Sammy Going South (1963) Drama with Fergus McClelland 5.20 FILM: Dick Barton: Special Agent (1948, b/w) Second World War spy thriller starring Don Stannard 6.45 FILM: The Plank (1967) Slapstick comedy, directed by and starring Eric Sykes. With Tommy Cooper 7.50 Discover Britain by Train 8.00 The Saint 9.00 Justice 10.00 The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes 11.00 Widows 12.00 Enemy at the Door 1.00am FILM: GI Blues (1960) Musical starring Elvis Presley 3.05-4.40am FILM: Meet the Navy (1946) Musical comedy starring Lionel Murton</p> <p>GOLD</p> <p>Noon 2point4 Children 12.40pm Dad's Army 1.20 Outnumbered 2.00 Keeping Up Appearances 2.40 Last of the Summer Wine 4.00 Dad's Army 4.40 Open All Hours 5.20 Keeping Up</p>	<p>Appearances 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 Only Fools and Horses 8.40 Murder, They Hope 9.40 Bottom 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 The Cockfields 12.35am Peep Show 1.45 Murder, They Hope 2.45-4.00am Bottom</p> <p>Yesterday</p> <p>Noon The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00pm Bangers and Cash 2.00 Abandoned Engineering 4.00 War Factories 5.00 The World at War 6.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 7.00 Abandoned Engineering 8.00 Bangers and Cash 9.00 Train Truckers 10.00 Bangers and Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00am Railway Murders 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>Discovery</p> <p>Noon Supertrucks 1.00pm Gold Rush: Winter's Fortune 2.00 Lone Star Law 3.00 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch 4.00 Alaska: The Last Frontier 5.00 Wheeler Dealers 6.00 Kindig Customs 7.00 Junkyard Empire 8.00 Railroad Alaska 9.00 Naked and Afraid XL 10.00 Naked and Afraid: Alone 11.00 Yukon Men 12.00 The Alaska Triangle 1.00am Naked and Afraid XL 2.00 Naked and Afraid: Alone 3.00-4.00am Naked and Afraid XL</p>
<p>Northern Ireland</p> <p>BBC One: No variations BBC Two: No variations UTV: No variations</p> <p>Scotland</p> <p>BBC One: 11.15am Bargain Hunt 12.00 - 1.00pm Scottish First Minister's Questions 7.00 - 7.30pm River City BBC Scotland: 7.00pm River City 7.30 Roaming in the Wild 8.00 Beechgrove 8.30 Scotland's Best Dog 9.00 The Nine 10.00 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling 10.30 Shetland 11.30 Scary Adult Things midnight Close STV: 3.50 - 5.05am Unwind with STV</p> <p>Wales</p> <p>BBC One: 10.00am Iolo: A Wild Life 10.30 The Best Dishes Ever 10.45 Homes Under the Hammer 11.45 - 12.15pm Wales' Home of the Year 8.00 Charles, Prince to a King: Wales and the New Monarch 9.00 - 10.00 Celebrity MasterChef 11.10 Celebrity MasterChef 11.40 FILM: Their Finest (2016) 12.15 - 6.00am BBC News BBC Two: 10.00 - 10.30pm Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop ITV Wales: No variations</p> <p>ITV Regions</p> <p>No variations</p> <p>S4C</p> <p>6.00am Cyw 12.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 12.05pm Sain Ffagan 12.30 Heno 1.00 Pysgod i Bawb 1.30 Sgwrs Dan y Lloer 2.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 2.05 Prynawn Da 3.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 3.05 Cynefin 4.00 Awr Fawr: Peppa 4.05 Awr Fawr: Caru Canu a Stori 4.15 Awr Fawr: Ein Byd Bach Ni 4.25 Awr Fawr: Pablo 4.40 Awr Fawr: Ahoi! 5.00 Stwmsh 6.00 Codi Pac 6.30 Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys 6.57 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 7.00 Heno 7.30 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 8.00 Pobol y Cwm 8.25 Rownd a Rownd 8.55 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd 9.00 Ffion Hague: Jiwbilli! Ffrenhines 10.00 Rygli Pawb 10.45 - 11.50pm Gwesty Aduniad</p>						

Weather & Crosswords

Forecast

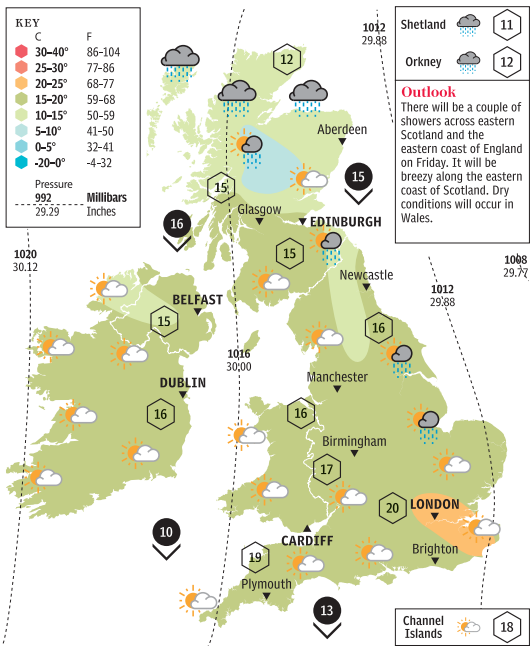
General situation

A trough of low pressure will be across the North Sea today, bringing a few showers to Scotland and the northeast coast of England. It will be generally dry across southern and western England.

◆ **London, Cent S**
England, Channel Is, SW England, E
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Anglia, Midlands:
Mainly dry with broken cloud and sunny spells. A moderate northerly wind. Max 63-68F (17-20C). A couple of showers in the far east tonight. Min 46-53F (8-12C).

◆ **NW England, Lake Dist, IoM, Cent N**
England, NE England:
Broken cloud today with the odd shower in the east. A moderate N wind. Max 56-64F (13-18C). Showers in the east tonight. Min 42-50F (6-10C).

◆ **Wales:**
Sunny spells today. A moderate N wind. Max 59-66F (15-19C). Patchy

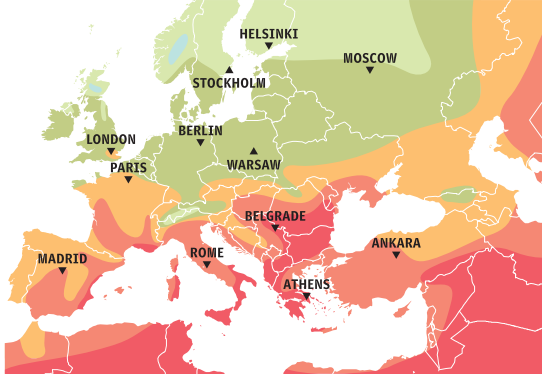


Four day forecast

Day	Weather
Friday	Sunny with a few showers
Saturday	Sunny with a few showers
Sunday	Sunny with a few showers
Monday	Sunny with a few showers

European readings

City	Max °C	Min °C	Daytime weather
Akrotiri	29	21	sunny
Alicante	30	22	p/cldy
Amsterdam	20	13	cloudy
Athens	29	20	sunny
Barcelona	27	21	storms
Bari	32	17	sunny
Belgrade	30	14	p/cldy
Benidorm	30	23	p/cldy
Bergen	13	9	showers
Berlin	19	11	p/cldy
Biarritz	28	21	sunny
Bodrum	31	20	sunny
Bordeaux	28	18	windy
Brest	20	16	cloudy
Brussels	18	14	rain
Bucharest	27	10	sunny
Budapest	24	13	showers
Cagliari	31	25	p/cldy
Chamonix	21	10	storms
Copenhagen	18	14	p/cldy
Corfu	30	17	sunny
Cork	17	9	p/cldy
Corsica	31	20	p/cldy
Crete	26	19	p/cldy
Dublin	16	8	cloudy
Dubrovnik	28	17	p/cldy
Faro	23	19	showers
Florence	30	19	p/cldy
Frankfurt	21	16	rain
Funchal	25	20	p/cldy
Gdansk	17	12	p/cldy
Geneva	26	16	storms
Gibraltar	27	17	rain
Hamburg	19	11	p/cldy
Helsinki	13	12	showers
Innsbruck	26	16	storms
Istanbul	25	17	sunny
Kyiv	17	10	p/cldy
La Rochelle	25	18	cloudy
Lisbon	23	19	showers
Locarno	23	18	storms
Luxembourg	22	15	rain
Madrid	25	14	p/cldy
Majorca	30	26	p/cldy
Malaga	30	21	p/cldy
Malta	29	22	sunny
Marseille	28	22	storms
Menorca	31	27	p/cldy
Milan	27	19	storms
Monaco	25	21	showers
Moscow	13	10	showers
Munich	26	14	windy
Naples	28	19	sunny
Nice	25	21	showers
Nicosia	34	19	sunny
Oporto	22	18	rain
Oslo	14	10	showers
Palermo	30	21	sunny
Paris	27	19	storms
Perpignan	29	19	p/cldy
Prague	18	15	rain
Reykjavik	10	3	sunny
Rhodes	29	23	sunny
Riga	18	11	p/cldy
Rome	29	18	p/cldy
Saint Malo	23	16	p/cldy
Salzburg	27	15	storms
Santander	28	19	p/cldy
Santiago/Comp.	21	16	rain
Sofia	27	7	sunny
St. Petersburg	14	11	showers
Stockholm	14	8	cloudy
Strasbourg	24	18	rain
Tenerife	28	19	p/cldy
Tirana	34	14	sunny
Toulouse	30	19	sunny
Valencia	31	20	p/cldy
Venice	28	19	sunny
Vienna	25	15	storms
Vigo	22	17	rain
Vilnius	17	9	cloudy
Warsaw	20	13	cloudy
Zagreb	28	16	p/cldy
Zurich	23	16	storms



World readings

City	Max °C	Min °C	Daytime weather
Accra	30	23	p/cldy
Addis Ababa	20	13	rain
Adelaide	18	13	showers
Alexandria	30	24	sunny
Algiers	31	24	cloudy
Amman	28	19	sunny
Anchorage	10	8	cloudy
Ankara	23	7	sunny
Ascension Is.	26	23	cloudy
Auckland	13	9	sunny
Baghdad	41	28	sunny
Bahamas	31	24	storms
Bahrain	37	31	sunny
Bamako	31	22	cloudy
Bangkok	33	26	storms
Beijing	31	17	haze
Beirut	30	22	sunny
Bermuda	29	25	p/cldy
Bogota	18	9	showers
Bridgetown	32	27	rain
Brisbane	21	13	p/cldy
Buenos Aires	17	12	sunny
Cairo	32	22	haze
Canberra	15	0	cloudy
Cape Town	27	8	sunny
Casablanca	28	16	p/cldy
Chicago	24	14	haze
Christchurch	9	-1	p/cldy
Colombo	30	25	storms
Damascus	32	16	windy
Dar es Salaam	29	22	cloudy
Dhaka	28	26	storms
Dubai	42	32	sunny
Falkland Is.	9	5	rain
Harare	24	11	sunny
Havana	30	22	storms
Hong Kong	35	28	sunny
Honolulu	26	25	sunny
Jakarta	32	24	p/cldy
Jeddah	37	31	p/cldy
Jerusalem	27	19	sunny
Johannesburg	21	10	sunny
Kabul	28	17	sunny
Karachi	37	27	haze
Kolkata	29	27	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	32	24	p/cldy
La Paz	15	3	showers
Lahore	34	27	haze
Lima	16	14	p/cldy
Los Angeles	24	20	sunny
Madives	30	27	sunny
Manila	30	26	showers
Marrakesh	30	17	p/cldy
Melbourne	20	2	windy
Miami	31	24	storms
Montego Bay	31	26	storms
Mumbai	29	26	storms
Nairobi	24	15	cloudy
New Orleans	28	22	sunny
New Delhi	32	25	storms
New York	25	17	sunny
Ottawa	20	16	p/cldy
Perth	18	12	showers
Port-of-Spain	34	24	storms
Rio de Janeiro	23	22	cloudy
Riyadh	44	26	sunny
San Francisco	20	16	p/cldy
Santiago	20	2	mist
Seattle	17	14	p/cldy
Seoul	29	21	rain
Seychelles	28	26	showers
Singapore	28	25	cloudy
Sydney	18	9	p/cldy
Taipei City	32	24	cloudy
Tangier	25	18	showers
Tel Aviv	30	22	sunny
Tokyo	29	24	p/cldy
Toronto	23	14	windy
Tunis	38	26	sunny
Vancouver	17	14	p/cldy
Washington	26	16	sunny
Wellington	11	6	windy
Winnipeg	16	8	cloudy

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British readings

City	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather
Aberdeen	1.1	Trace	14 11	windy
Aberystwyth	3.1*	0.00	17 6	cloudy
Antrim	1.0	0.01	16 11	cloudy
Aviemore	1.7	0.00	14 8	cloudy
Barnstaple	7.3*	0.24	19 15	p/cldy
Barrow-in-Furns.	3.4*	Trace	17 10	cloudy
Basingstoke	3.5	0.15	20 14	cloudy
Bedford	7.6*	0.00	21 11	p/cldy
Belfast	0.7*	0.14	17* 13*	showers
Berwick	4.5*	0.00	18* 7*	cloudy
Birmingham	6.2*	0.00	18 7	p/cldy
Bodmin	0.1*	0.30	21 14	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.9	0.32	21 15	cloudy
Braintree	1.4*	0.18	21 13	cloudy
Brecon	4.7*	Trace	20 7	cloudy
Bridlington	4.0*	0.00	16 9	cloudy
Brighton	0.0*	0.40	21 15	cloudy
Bristol	2.0*	0.00	20* 13*	cloudy
Cambridge	2.5	0.52	17 15	cloudy
Cardiff	6.2	0.19	18 13	p/cldy
Carlisle	5.6*	0.00	18 6	cloudy
Catterick	3.9	Trace	18 7	cloudy
Cheltenham	3.1*	Trace	21* 13*	cloudy
Chester	0.1	0.00	16 9	cloudy
Coventry	4.3*	0.00	19* 8*	cloudy
Doncaster	3.2*	0.00	17* 8*	cloudy
Dover	0.0*	0.00	18 14	cloudy
Dundee	6.9	0.00	18 7	p/cldy
Eastbourne	0.3	0.79	20 14	cloudy
Edinburgh	4.3	0.00	17 7	cloudy
Epsom	0.0*	0.14	19 14	cloudy
Falmouth	0.2*	0.31	19 16	cloudy
Farnborough	0.0*	0.65	20* 14*	cloudy
Fort William	1.2	0.00	14 9	cloudy
Glasgow	7.6*	0.00	17 10	p/cldy
Great Malvern	4.9*	0.00	21 7	cloudy
Grimsby	3.7*	0.00	17 9	cloudy
Guernsey	0.0*	0.04	19 17	showers
Hereford	5.4*	Trace	21 9	cloudy
High Wycombe	0.8*	0.12	21 13	cloudy
Holyhead	0.0	0.01	16 10	drizzle
Huddersfield	5.2*	0.00	16 9	cloudy
Ipswich	3.6	Trace	21 12	cloudy
Isle of Man	2.9	Trace	16 12	cloudy
Isle of Skye	0.0*	0.00	14* 11*	cloudy
Isle of Wight	0.0*	0.52	20 15	showers
Isles of Scilly	0.0*	0.40	17 16	cloudy
Rhyl	0.0*	Trace	20 18	drizzle
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King's Lynn	6.7*	0.00	19 8	p/cldy
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Newcastle	3.7*	0.00	16 7	cloudy
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Sun & moon (Greenwich)

Sun rises	0636
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Moon rises	2114
Moon sets	1244
Last quarter	Sep 17
Yesterday	
Warmest	London 22C (72F)
Colest	Lochnagar 2C (35F)
Wettest	Eastbourne 0.79 in.
Sunniest	Pershore 9.2 hr.
Lighting up	
Aberdeen	1928 to 0641
Belfast	1942 to 0659
Birmingham	1923 to 0643
London	1916 to 0638
Manchester	1925 to 0644
Penzance	1936 to 0659

High water

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Dover	0250 6.4m 1506 6.6m
Falmouth	0904 5.0m 2117 4.9m
Harwich	0332 3.9m 1538 4.0m
Holyhead	0556 5.5m 1417 5.1m
Hull	1002 7.6m 2220 6.8m
Liverpool	0242 9.1m 1500 8.6m
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Portsmouth	0311 4.5m 1543 4.6m
Southampton	0236 4.3m 0820 1.0m

Sea forecast

S North Sea: A moderate to fresh northwesterly wind today. Seas will be moderate to rough. Visibility will be poor in showers.

Dover Strait, English Channel: A light to moderate northerly wind today. Seas will be slight to moderate. Visibility will be good.

St. George's Channel: A light to moderate northerly wind today. Seas will be slight to moderate. Visibility will be good.

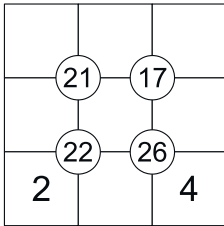
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Nature notes

Spoonbills fight back in Norfolk

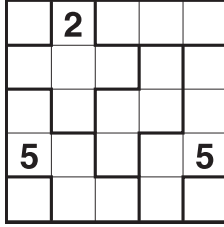
One of Britain's most curious-looking birds has had a bumper breeding season at its main stronghold near the Royal Sandringham estate in Norfolk. The spoonbill, a native species, disappeared from the UK in the late 1600s owing to habitat loss and hunting but Holkham Hall has announced that 43 pairs in its resident colony fledged a record 77 chicks. Almost 500 chicks have been hatched on the marshes at Holkham since the species was reintroduced in 2010, and by 2021 45 pairs were breeding. Laws protecting certain birds from being shot have helped the species to thrive. Given its success, Holkham has announced plans to expand habitat suitable for spoonbills and other waterbirds on its marshes by increasing the number of ditches and islands with trees on them. Other species such as little egrets, cattle egrets and great egrets will also benefit from the initiative. *

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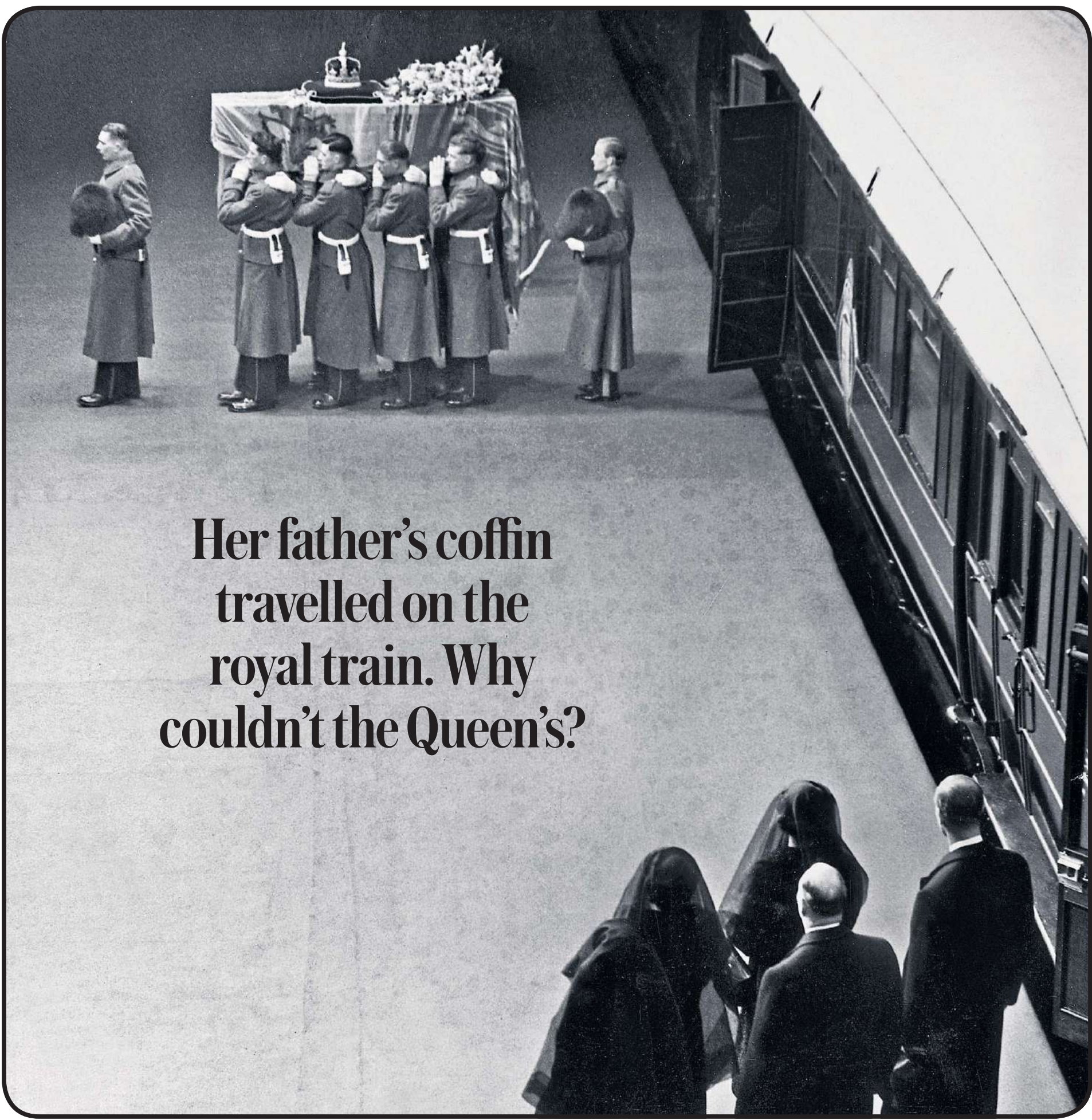


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Her father's coffin
travelled on the
royal train. Why
couldn't the Queen's?

How ‘health and safety’ thwarted the perfect farewell journey

Plans to transport the late Queen by royal train to London were quietly dropped. By *Robert Mendick, Oliver Gill and Jack Hardy*

From the outside there isn’t much to see at Wolverton Rail Works, a collection of nondescript brick buildings occupying a 30-acre site in a suburb of Milton Keynes, where the nearest major attractions are a Tesco superstore and a drive-through McDonald’s.

But past the security barriers in a sealed-off warehouse on an industrial estate languishes the royal train.

The nine carriages, in Royal Claret livery, were supposed to have played a central role in transporting the late Queen from Edinburgh back to London, ahead of Monday’s state funeral.

Plans were in place which would have allowed swathes of the nation to wave farewell to the Queen as her coffin passed by in the train along 400 miles of track between Edinburgh Waverley station and St Pancras, in central London. And yet on Tuesday evening, Her Majesty’s coffin was loaded on to an RAF C-17 Globemaster, a workhorse logistics aircraft, and flown over the heads of the population to land at RAF Northolt on the outskirts of the capital.

It was not the romantic journey that had been previously envisioned, and which the public had craved. It means tens of thousands of people are due to descend on London instead to pay their respects.

Just why the royal train was left in the sidings has turned into a blame game, with no authority willing to put their head above the parapet and admit who canned it and why. But the *Telegraph* has pieced together a chain of bureaucratic events that suggests that a risk-averse culture, accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic, prompted a U-turn. Largely on grounds of health and safety and security worries, and over fears Britain’s hapless rail network would struggle to cope, the royal train’s role in the funeral was quietly shelved two years ago.

The idea to involve the royal train had been long in the



Above: Sir Winston Churchill’s coffin at Waterloo Station. Right: George VI’s coffin is taken by train to Windsor

planning. A train carriage to carry a royal coffin was specially modified in the mid-1980s, with a reinforced floor installed to take the weight of the casket and a large table – known as a catafalque – on which it was to rest. The rail carriage – a kind of hearse for the tracks – was first intended for possible use for the Queen Mother’s death.

The carriage’s doors were widened to allow a coffin, carried by eight soldiers, to enter without a squeeze. The catafalque was also built on a special mechanism allowing it to swivel 90 degrees to make it easier to get the coffin in.

The carriage – number 2921 – remains unused, mothballed in Wolverton. In the complex planning of a state funeral – and there hasn’t been one since Winston Churchill’s in 1965 – operations are constantly revised and updated all the time and plans to bring the Queen’s body back to London by train, should she die in Scotland or at Sandringham, her Norfolk estate, were formally incorporated into “Operation London Bridge”, the management of Queen Elizabeth’s death, about five or six years ago.

At a briefing in April 2019, the

Ministry of Defence outlined how, if she passed away at Balmoral, the body “will be moved by train departing evening of D+4 [four days into the mourning period], arriving c10:30 D+5.”

On the train, the coffin “will be protected by military personnel”, said the MoD, with a “bearer party” deployed at either end.

Trains had featured heavily in previous state funerals. Queen Victoria had been transported by train from Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, where she died, back to Windsor for her funeral. Edward VII’s coffin was taken by gun carriage to Paddington Station, placed on the royal train and taken to Windsor; while George VI’s coffin was brought by train from Sandringham to London. Crowds gathered to watch it pass.

Rail industry sources insisted yesterday that the Royal household had requested Network Rail, working with the Department for Transport, draw up plans for incorporating the train into Operation London Bridge. A unit was convened to examine options, address safety fears and overcome logistical challenges.

“It was an enormous undertaking. It took the best part of a year,” says one insider. “Crowd control protocols were produced for every single station down the

East Coast main line, for instance.” After being formally adopted, the plans were kept under lock and key – they were never discussed at Network Rail board meetings.

But the industry source says that throughout discussions, there was opposition, not least from British Transport Police and also Metropolitan Police, whose remit includes overseeing counter-terrorism. “The police were always a bit jittery,” says the source.

Then in 2020, after the outbreak of Covid, and with Britain going into lockdown, the call came into Network Rail to scrap the deployment of the royal train from the funeral plans. “It was just as Britain was going into lockdown,” the source recalls. “There was no reason given.”

Speculation is rife as to why. With Britain in the grip of the pandemic and a ban on meeting in public places, the idea of huge crowds gathering at train stations and along the tracks was problematic. The crowds that would have assembled at train stations, for example, would have been in direct contravention of Covid rules at the time. “It could well be that they simply forgot to bring the royal train back into Operation London Bridge before Her Majesty died,” says the source.

And because of the pandemic, no further briefings took place

after 2019. Phil Marsh, a railway historian who has written extensively on the royal train, says: “The royal train was taken out of London Bridge on health and safety grounds. Health and safety trumps everything. In practical terms, they realised they couldn’t police 400 miles of track from Edinburgh to London.”

Back in 1997, after the sell-off of the Royal Yacht Britannia, Marsh was tasked with finding a buyer for the royal train. He produced a report, he explains, which concluded that a sale would not be cost effective. The train was reprieved.

“It’s a great shame it wasn’t used in the funeral,” he says.

Marsh believes authorities got spooked after a series of incidents, beginning in 2019, when trainspotters caused havoc on the railways when they got too close to obtain photographs of the passing Flying Scotsman. The prospect of huge crowds gathering to photograph the slow-moving royal train would have been problematic. Counter-terror police were alarmed at the possibility, says Marsh, of anti-monarchy protesters hurling bricks from bridges as the train passed underneath.

Royal train journeys are never made public in advance for those reasons. Using it to carry the late Queen was a risk authorities were not willing to take.

The train, with its special carriage for carrying the coffin, remains under wraps, in a locked warehouse in Wolverton. It would have been the romantic solution for transporting Her Majesty, an opportunity for her subjects to wave goodbye as she passed from North to South.

Instead, the powers that be went for safety at all costs. But the extra pressure that now places on London, as a grieving public descends on the capital, has its own inherent dangers. The next five days will tell if the decision was a wise one.

The route the royal train could have taken



‘It was their own private little world’

The royal train was more than just transport – it was where the late Queen and Duke could kick off their shoes and relax

“It is”, says a former royal train manager, “effectively the court on the move.” Chris Hillyard, who worked on board the royal train from 1977 to 2010, and as manager for the last 14 years, knows better than most how greatly the Queen enjoyed her time on board.

“The train is used as downtime for the monarch a lot of the time. After they’ve done their engagements, they can relax and prepare for what’s next,” he says. “It gives a secure location.”

And so it has ever since its inception during the 19th century, when Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to travel by rail in 1842. Despite some



First class: Queen Victoria made her first journey in this carriage in 1842

misgivings about its high speed, Victoria embraced the train as a mode of transport, commissioning a set of train cars for herself in 1869.

During the First World War, King George V used the royal train to travel around the country, and his son George VI, the Queen’s father, used it during the Second World War to visit parts of Britain hit by German bombs.

Over the decades, the train has gone through various incarnations. But more recently, luxury has given way to functionality: the current carriages, built in the 1970s, are a world away from Queen Victoria’s plush mobile saloon, with its polished wood and regal blue textiles. “[The carriages now] are very modern, but anything but grand,” says Nigel Harris, editor of

Rail magazine, who is among the few members of the public to have stepped on board. “It’s anything but palaces on wheels. All the fixtures and fittings are beautifully made but very basic.”

Still, the train is well kitted-out for a travelling royal: lounge and office cars, sleeping accommodation, including a bed for the Queen, and a galley where food can be made.

“The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh absolutely loved it,” says Harris. “It was the only place where they could get on, kick off their shoes and there’s no paparazzi; it was private, it was their own little world.”



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Over the years, it has carried members of the Royal family, including Prince Harry's wife Meghan Markle, who joined the Queen on board in 2018 to travel to engagements in Cheshire; and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who carried out a three-day UK tour in 2020 to thank paramedics, teachers and carers for their work during the pandemic.

There has been the odd hiccup on board, though. Hillyard, who made 794 journeys with royals and heads of state, recalls an alarming incident in the mid-1990s, when the royal train was carrying the Queen to Slough after a visit to Southampton for the launch of

P&O cruise liner Oriana. "I was summoned through to the Queen's lounge, which I was told was full of smoke," he says. He ascertained that a brake pad was dragging on a disc and overheating. But fixing the problem required him to "excuse myself and climb down the side of the train."

He says: "Her Majesty followed me out [of her lounge], looked down and said, 'I'll look out for you,' as I was effecting the repairs. Thankfully, the remedial works I did [succeeded] and we got back on time to Slough."

The Queen, he says, was "unfazed" by the incident, despite the fact her carriage was filling



Family fare: Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Andrew, right, and Prince Edward

with smoke as she sat there. "But we were a bit concerned, obviously!" he adds.

A few years later, in June 2000, a royal bodyguard accidentally

fired two shots from his 9mm Glock pistol in the train's staff dining room while the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh slept in another carriage. Slight damage was caused, but fortunately there were no injuries.

Questions have been raised about the cost of running transport only used a handful of times a year. It was reported that a one-way journey from Windsor to York made by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in 2012 cost £20,221. The Queen consequently took more trips on public trains in the following years, to cut costs.

But fans of the royal train argue it provides value far beyond the

headline cost. "The police and Royal family love it," says Harris, "because if they've got an engagement it provides a protected world they can take easily into the heart of a city. You don't have all that business of welding manhole covers down. You can put [the royals] on the train in the morning, and get them out."

"If we were to lose [it], the cost of security would increase and the ease of doing royal visits would decline."

He is now among the many left disappointed that it will not now bring Elizabeth II to the people one last time.



Ignore the liberal sneers – real Americans will embrace the King

The US press, which has been highly critical of the monarchy, does not reflect the feelings of the country at large, says *Celia Walden*

When, earlier this week, *The New York Times* commissioned a piece criticising King Charles III, did anyone on that paper object? Did anyone demur: “Well, his mother only died five days ago ...”

If anyone did, their opinion was overruled. “King Charles Inherits Untold Riches, and Passes Off His Own Empire”, ran the front page headline. While the Queen’s coffin was making its final journey from Balmoral to London, while hundreds of thousands of mourners from around the world were lining the streets of the United Kingdom to watch, *The New York Times* was preparing to publish a piece describing King Charles as “a divisive figure”, an

“unwitting symbol of ... disconnect” who is “out of touch with ordinary people”.

One former US politician quoted in the article saw Charles as an overly political controversialist who has been mired in scandal, “willing to take money from anybody, really, without questioning whether it’s the wise thing to do”. Elsewhere, a headline in the publication *Politico* proclaimed that “King Charles is too political for the USA”. It went on to suggest that the late Queen’s “very outspoken son will have his work cut out for him”.

That many Britons should find the timing of such a piece tasteless and upsetting is doubtless proof of

the sentimentalism and “nostalgia” for which *The New York Times* has long sneered at us.

But the piece does raise an interesting question: how does the US feel about our new King?

A bunch of New York liberals casually shooting off ideas in a boardroom are not well-placed to answer that. Because, while it may be too early to gauge the public perception of King Charles III across the pond, the picture is decidedly mixed.

It’s true that, as Prince of Wales, His Majesty was often considered to be overly political in the US. “For obvious reasons, the idea of an unelected official openly campaigning on political issues is

anathema to Americans,” explains Alan, a Los Angeles lawyer. “So watching this Prince campaign for his different causes for decades has been weird for us.”

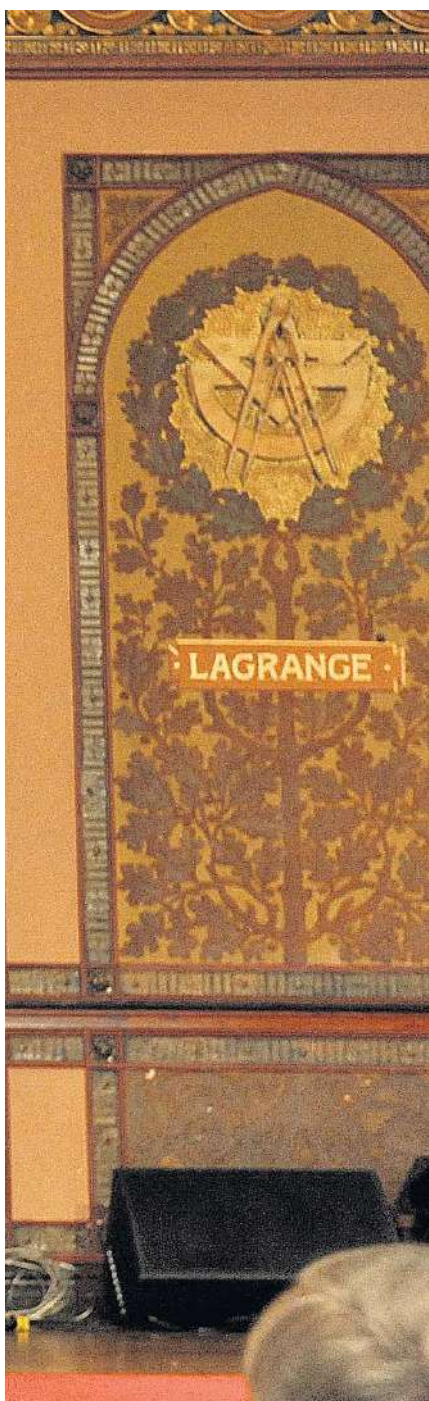
This makes sense. Climate is a far more partisan issue in the US than it is here, compared with what *Politico* described as: “Queen Elizabeth II’s special brand of marshmallow diplomacy – soft, sweet and distinctly apolitical – which has charmed Americans over decades.”

The King seems aware that his popularity will depend on how he handles those activist instincts. This is true on both sides of the Atlantic. He has previously made it clear that any activism would stop

when he acceded to the throne. “The idea, somehow, that I’m going to go on in exactly the same way, if I have to succeed the Queen, is complete nonsense because the two situations are completely different,” he told the BBC ahead of his 70th birthday in 2018.

Last Friday, His Majesty used his first address to the nation as King to underline this. “It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply,” he declared.

As for the King’s wealth and privilege – detailed so intricately by *The New York Times* – well, it may be hard for Americans to understand how comfortable we



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Clockwise from above: the Prince at Georgetown University in 2011; with President Nixon in 1970; with the Reagans in 1985; in Washington in 2005

are with the idea of our Royal family being "out of touch with ordinary people". Look at the scenes in the streets of London yesterday and the glory of that procession; look at every royal wedding in our history.

Yes, as the country starts to feel the pinch, there may be anger and resentment towards the wealthy or privileged. But does the average Briton really expect the Royal family to be like them and live like them? I doubt it. They know the key figures sing for their supper.

Jeremy Kareken, a New York-based playwright, doesn't believe any of these issues have profoundly swayed Americans one way or another. "I don't think most Americans think about the Royal family much at all; we are too distractible," he says, despite the fact that the late Queen and the "Fab Four" of William, Kate, Meghan and Harry have been filling supermarket tabloids for years. "We spend more time thinking about other celebrities, from reality stars to George Clooney to the Trump family



circus," he says. "The last time I thought about Charles was when he delivered his heartfelt eulogy for Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi. He seems to have a deeper soul than I had first imagined."

Juliana, a Connecticut estate agent, says: "My general impression of Charles III is of a man who made a few missteps when he was younger. He definitely upset us over Diana, who we loved. But like you, we've grown to love Camilla, and is he someone we bear any ill will towards now? I don't think so."

'There is widespread affection and respect for the institution and the individuals'

Duncan Edwards, chief executive officer at the American Chamber of Commerce, goes further. "There is a very warm feeling towards the Royal family from the majority of Americans that I know," he says. "Detailed knowledge about their role in British life is always a bit fuzzy, but

there is widespread affection and respect for the institution and the individuals. But I have detected a growing admiration for King Charles over recent years and suspect that his new role will accelerate that."

Celena, a broker from San Francisco, echoes the sentiment. "Because Kate and William and Harry and Meghan have taken so much of the US limelight, no one out here knows much about Charles," she says. "But now this man's going to be King, and given how much we love pomp and circumstance you can bet that after his Coronation we'll be more invested in him. In the main, we're optimistic people."

Having lived in the United States for over a decade, I'm confident enough to make another generalisation: Americans are overwhelmingly uncynical people. Among their many brilliant national attributes, this is probably the one I prize most. Theirs is the land of first, second and third chances; a place where "Go on, then – prove yourself" is a defining ideology. But until His Majesty buries his mother on Monday, I suspect most Americans will be feeling only one thing for our new King: compassion.

The 'ring of steel' that will secure Biden's historic visit

He is the first US president to attend a British state funeral, and he's taking no chances. *Guy Kelly reports*

Death is the great leveller, they say. For world leaders, the death of Queen Elizabeth II certainly is. On Monday, at the state funeral of Her Majesty, some 500 heads of state and foreign dignitaries will descend on central London. Under normal circumstances, almost any of them would be the centre of attention, their visits the seamless result of months of careful planning – not least the visit of the US president.

But then, these are not normal circumstances. This is only the sixth state funeral in the past century, and comfortably the largest gathering of notables on UK soil for decades. All with 10 days' notice. Diplomatic sources said this week that it was "the equivalent of standing up hundreds of state visits in the space of two weeks. We usually only do a couple of those a year." So for one day only "Do you know who I am?" won't cut it.

President Joe Biden always knew he'd be invited. Only hours after Buckingham Palace announced the death of the Queen last Thursday, Biden confirmed he would be attending the funeral. "I don't know what the details are yet but I will be going," he said in Ohio, where he was attending the start of the construction of a computer chip factory.

Only last week Biden invoked the "deepening the special relationship between our countries" phrase when Liz Truss was confirmed as Prime Minister. He will be the first US president to attend a state funeral in Britain.

At George VI's funeral in 1952, President Harry S Truman sent US secretary of state Dean Acheson in his stead. At Sir Winston Churchill's funeral in 1965, President Lyndon B Johnson had a cold, but rather than send his vice-president, Hubert Humphrey, he was represented by Earl

Warren, the chief justice.

Due to space limitations, even the Americans aren't allowed a large delegation on Monday, so it is Biden and a "plus one". There has been some debate in the US about who Biden should offer that spot to. "Maybe in the spirit of forgiving and giving, President Biden will invite [Trump] on the Air Force One," Jeff Zeleny, chief national correspondent of CNN, said.

As it is, Biden is bringing his wife, First Lady Jill Biden.

That isn't to say for certain that no former presidents will be there. The Queen met 13 of the last 14 US presidents and was reportedly fond of many, including the Bidens, whom she met for a state visit last year. She especially liked

The president will reportedly bring his customary 400 Secret Service officers

the Obamas but if they have been invited, they are keeping schtum.

If they do come, it will present an extra security headache. Biden, being the most closely guarded man in the world, will also be the most secure overseas guest on Monday. While almost all other foreign dignitaries have been asked to travel to Westminster Abbey from a west London meeting point by bus, as well as taking commercial flights, Biden has a special dispensation.

For one, he will bring along "The Beast" – the US president's 6,800kg bullet-proof, hermetically sealed "tank with a Cadillac badge" limousine, which features smoke screens and doors as heavy as those on a Boeing 757.

Biden will reportedly also bring his customary 400 Secret Service officers, and he will be one of the only guests allowed to fly over London. His Marine One chopper is then expected to take him to wherever he will be staying, probably Winfield House, the US ambassador's residence.

The British Government will host many of the dignitaries at a reception after the funeral, but Biden will fly back for the UN General Assembly in New York.

It's all quite an effort for a man who turns 80 in November, but it underlines the respect the US had for the Queen. In their statement last week, the Bidens recalled meeting Her Majesty last year. "She charmed us with her wit, moved us with her kindness, and generously shared with us her wisdom."



Official visit: President Biden with the late Queen at Windsor Castle last year

Three courses and change from £20: my Aldi dinner party

The budget supermarket is booming, and no wonder. You can cook a delicious meal for six at a bargain price, writes *Silvana Franco*

Supermarket snobs look away now. Aldi has broken into the fabled British “big four”, according to reports published this week, overtaking Morrisons and snuggling up to Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury’s with sales up by a fifth in just three months. No surprises there – the cost-of-living crisis has forced households across the country to reassess their spending, and switching to a budget supermarket is an easy fix. It’s set to continue; currently, between them, Aldi and Lidl control 16 per cent of the UK market but this share is expected to grow over the winter.

Shopping at these budget supermarkets undoubtedly saves you money – you can fill a deep trolley for £70 – and some of the products, with unfamiliar labels and packaging, are very high quality. Those in the know are already heading to the Aldi aisles for their chocolate, wine, cold meats, cheese, yoghurt, breads and biscuits. The chocolate

Those in the know are already heading to Aldi for their chocolate, wine, meats and cheese

fingers and crisp multipacks, however much they must enrage Cadbury and their ilk, are worth snaffling, too, if you have lunchboxes and snack cupboards to fill.

I took up the challenge of creating a dinner party for six, made entirely from Aldi products, for under £20 (not including standard store-cupboard staples such as olive oil, salt, pepper and icing sugar). I knew I’d need to be inventive. At these prices, corners have to be cut somewhere, and invariably that seems to be in the

baking aisle: I couldn’t find cornflour, so had to switch my plan for a baked cheesecake into a no-cook one. Also, while I was inspired by the range of seasonal and local items in the fresh produce aisles (a 2.5kg bag of wonky Norfolk potatoes for 99p) more interesting ingredients such as chard or black cabbage are, understandably, not to be found. My advice: stock up on your onions, garlic and carrots at Aldi and head to the more expensive stores (or local market) for your showpiece greens.

THE MENU

Nibbles: Sliced figs and serrano ham with grissini

Starter: Cherry tomato, feta and red onion tarts

Main: Porchetta, Italian roasted potatoes, steamed savoy cabbage

Pudding: Blackberry and mascarpone cheesecakes with ginger-nut crumbs

NIBBLES

The most stressful stage of any dinner party is when the guests arrive. I always make sure to have some easy nibbles to keep everyone entertained while I finish the crucial last stages of food preparation. A bowl of crisps and some olives do the job well enough, but having seen the serrano ham (£1.59 for 100g) and some delicious new-season figs in my local store, I make up a small antipasti board. With a box of grissini breadsticks thrown in, this tots up to £3.45, or 57p per head, and, most importantly, no cooking required.

STARTER

Led by the prices in the fruit and vegetable aisle, I pick up cherry tomatoes for some easy Mediterranean-style tarts. A sheet of ready-rolled puff pastry makes this an effortless and delicious dish to prepare ahead, and I’m delighted to see a 375g sheet of



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SIX TIPS FOR PLANNING A MENU ON A BUDGET

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Choose a key product at a good price – a joint of meat for example – and build your menu around it.

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Check your freezer. Is there something you were saving for a special occasion? Now's the time to thaw it out.

③

Choose recipes from a reliable source, like this newspaper, a magazine or book. These will have been tested, which isn't always the case on social media.

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Check your store cupboard and avoid recipes with multiple ingredients you don't already have. Try some clever swapping. No Worcestershire sauce? Use a dash of soy, no one will notice.

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Aim to use the whole packet of anything you buy to avoid wastage. Leftover ingredients are worthwhile, but only if you're happy to make the effort and remember to put them to good use.

⑥

Skip recipes that ask you to use only half of a vegetable such as butternut squash or red pepper – you'll wonder what to do with the rest or ignore it until it's only good for the compost bin.

pastry costs just 95p – significantly less than the £1.75 for a 320g Jus-Rol packet. All I need to do is open out the pastry, use a pizza wheel to cut it into six rectangles, then top them with caramelised red onion chutney and halved cherry tomatoes. A crumble of feta and drizzle of oil and these can be stashed in the fridge, ready to bake when guests arrive. £3.92 in total, including fresh basil to scatter on top.

MAIN COURSE

For the centrepiece I scour the meat aisle, eventually settling on a plump joint of British pork shoulder. It's excellent value at £5.55 and large enough to serve six, hopefully with leftovers. It's £3.92 per kg, and the same-sized joint at Tesco would cost £7.09 (£10.97 for a Waitrose equivalent). Porchetta is one of my go-to roasts, as it's a slightly fattier cut that's very forgiving when slow-cooked, which is especially useful if there are any late-comers. I open it out, generously coat the meat with a mix of parsley, garlic, lemon zest and juice, and a sprinkle of dried herbs from the cupboard – rosemary and fennel seeds, but they're not essential – before rolling it back up. Alongside diced roasted wonky potatoes and steamed cabbage, it works out at £1.24 a head.

PUDDING

No one wants to whisk cream after a couple of glasses of wine, and a mousse or trifle can be made the night before. Inspired by the chubby British blackberries (£1.39) I've thrown in my trolley, I decide on mini cheesecakes served in small glasses. I'm slightly disappointed to discover I can't buy double cream in a 150ml carton (the smallest size is 300ml), but an open carton won't go to waste in my house. Mascarpone at a purse-friendly 99p (£1.70 at Sainsbury's) is the bargain of the day. Sweetened with a little icing sugar and finished off with crushed ginger nuts, it tallies up to 52p per serving.

Total cost: £17.91/£2.99 per head

ALDI WINE PICKS BY VICTORIA MOORE, TELEGRAPH WINE EXPERT



NIBBLES
Mimó Moutinho
Arinto 2021, Vinho Verde, Portugal
(11.5%; £5.29)

A breezy, light white that's just off-dry, this tastes of prickly pear, tangerines and lemon and would be the perfect foil to the fattiness of the serrano ham.



STARTER
Filos Estate Single
Vineyard 'Aspri Petra'
Assyrtiko 2021,
Greece (13%; £6.99)

This inexpensive assyrtiko is a crisp, dry white with hints of lemon, minerals and grapefruit that will pair well with the salty feta in the tarts.



MAIN
Specially Selected
Austrian Zweigelt
2021, Austria
(13%; £6.99)

A smooth, lightish red with the tart yet also sweetly fruity taste of red cherries. Pop it in the fridge for half an hour or so to give it a crunchily cool edge.

The King's favourite products now in line for a royal warrant

A company's right to display the royal crest changes with the accession of a new monarch. By *Jack Rear*

What do Cadbury chocolate, Silverspoon sugar, Tabasco, Heinz ketchup and Weetabix have in common? They are all the proud owners of a royal warrant – at least they were until the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Now that King Charles III is the monarch, all this could be about to change. We may soon see royal warrants for a whisky distillery in the Hebrides, the Waterford Dairy Farm, and even a chain of motorway service stations.

Only the monarch and their chosen grantors may bestow a royal warrant. Upon the Queen's death, all warrants granted by Her Majesty became void: the same happened for warrants granted by the late Duke Of Edinburgh in 2021. Brands now have two years to change their packaging, website and other official documents to remove the royal insignia.

First issued in the 15th century, Royal Warrants of Appointment are official documents that allow their bearers to advertise that they supply the Royal household. They can be granted to any business which provides products or services to the family – with a few exceptions, such as bankers or brokers. One of the first royal warrants ever granted was to King Edward IV's official printer in 1476.

Companies lucky enough to be awarded a warrant are presented with a handsome official document. They can display a royal coat of arms on their packaging for at least five years, or until their warrant is cancelled. For a sign of marketing clout, see Dubonnet – the late Queen's preferred aperitif. Shortly after being granted a royal warrant in 2021, the drink sold out in the UK.

At the time of her death, 620 active royal warrants had been issued by the Queen, ranging from Champagne Bollinger (which has held a warrant continuously since Queen Victoria awarded the company one in 1884) to Selfridges, Maldon sea salt and Marmite, which was first granted its royal warrant in 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Royal warrants don't last forever. Brands are granted the honour for a five-year period. When that time frame comes to an end, a decision is taken on whether they can continue using the crest. According to the Royal Warrant Holders Association, 40 to 60 brands lose their warrants every year.

Harrods formerly held a royal warrant but lost it in 2000 because of a "significant decline in the trading relationship". Rigby & Peller held a warrant as Her Majesty's lingerie supplier for 57 years, but it was taken away after



Fit for a king? Will Marmite, Maldon sea salt and Cadbury keep their warrants?

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the owner, June Kenton, wrote a tell-all memoir, having talked about fitting bras for a "half-dressed Queen".

It remains unclear whether those that were granted warrants by King Charles III during his tenure as Prince of Wales will be allowed to continue using them. Such companies include Fortnum & Mason, Waitrose and Mathews Butchers, a small family-run business in the Welsh market town of Llandovery.

As for new warrants, we can only speculate. But the King has certainly shown a penchant for several food and drink brands. For example, in 2016, the then Prince of Wales visited the Isle of Harris Distillery, sealing a cask of single malt whisky to be bottled and sold, with the profits going to a charity of his choice. At the Waterford Dairy Farm, he was delighted with his gift of honey. Tebay Services – His Majesty opened its Gloucester station seven years ago – is regarded by some motorists as the best motorway service station company. Tebay was named Specialist Food Retailer of the Year in 2022. Each service station has a butchery department, cheese section and cake department.

Highgrove Fine Foods is a family-owned business, based in Oxfordshire, which produces roasting fats, bakery foods, snacks and seasonal favourites with an eco-friendly ethos. By awarding a warrant to this company, the King will be keeping his patronage close to home.



How I made a billion by the age of 30

The founder of fitness brand Gymshark tells *Elizabeth Grice* that bacon for breakfast, staying humble and consistency are the key to his success

“My mum taught me to sew. Let me show you.” The multi-millionaire founder of Gymshark whips out his phone and brings up a video of his mother demonstrating how to use a Brother sewing machine to make the prototype fitness clothing for which his company is now famous. Little more than 10 years ago, Ben Francis was making and selling muscle vests online from his parents’s garage. Today, at 30, he is chief executive of a multi-billion-dollar company with state-of-the-art, sprawling headquarters in the West Midlands, offices in Denver, Hong Kong, Mauritius and London, and a presence in nearly every gym in the country. He has 926 employees worldwide and a turnover last year of £480million. His personal wealth is estimated to be £700million. The brand’s body-flattering garments are sold in 180 countries – 28 million of them in the 12

months to the end of July. Its digital force-field is immense: more than 81 million views on YouTube, 5.8 million followers on Instagram and 3.8 million on TikTok. Across all social platforms, it reaches 18.9 million. Though exclusively an online operation until now, Gymshark will soon open a flagship store in Regent Street, London (reportedly on October 1) employing more than 100 people. In a business environment that appears to be moving away from physical shops, it seems surprising to open an 18,000 sq ft retail space in one of Europe’s most expensive shopping areas. “We just love hanging out

‘I got rinsed for going to No10 in my tracksuit bottoms’

Couple goals: Ben Francis and his wife Robin Gallant, right, share how they balance work and their marriage with our community,” he says. “We’re actually pretty bullish about the future of the high street. Bricks and mortar retail isn’t dead and we’re going to prove it.” I first meet Francis when he’s walking briskly between Gymshark’s two expansive headquarters in Solihull. He is a tall, toned young man with a sharp haircut, dressed in black Gymshark gear and gilet, with startling white socks and shoes. It’s 10am and he’s already been up for more than four hours. “I’m massively into my fitness goals,” he says. “If I don’t go to the gym enough, I’m not as good at my job. I’m miserable at home. I’m not as good a human being if I’m not regularly in the gym, on a structure, making progress.” Francis is a creature of habit. Same waking hour (5.45am), same

meals, same time, same gym. If he has those predictables, he says he can cope with creative chaos. If he's working away from home and can't have breakfast at precisely 6.30am, he gets "a bit panicky".

"At the moment, for breakfast I'll have four pieces of streaky bacon and a coffee and that's it."

You can see why the gym is his holy-of-holies. It not only transformed him from a skinny boy to a muscle-bound teenager, but the discipline he learned there changed his life. "For the first time," he says, "I knew that I would get out what I put in. The structure, consistency and work ethic I found in the gym could be applied to other areas of my life and it would work."

It helps to be fit just to walk round the 42,000 sq ft GSHQ in Solihull. The campus boasts a content hub, garment production centre, photography, film and podcast studios, and the Lifting Club (a super-gym). A barber, cinema and a healthy-eating canteen are part of the holistic, community-building approach, reinforced with improving slogans (or "mantras") like "Work hard, stay humble"; "Find the Gymshark way"; "Be human, give a sh-t"; "Put family first". A new, even bigger workspace (125,000 sq ft) called GSIQ is dedicated to innovation and sits next door on the same site.

It's certainly a testament to his work ethic. Francis has worked every day of his life since he was 17, when he was delivering pizzas for £4.80 an hour. Two years later, Francis and his friend Lewis Morgan founded Gymshark with a domain name that cost just £3.50 to register. "The bar was incredibly low," he says. "All I wanted to do, because my two passions were fitness and tech, was make a website that could sell things." At first they "dropshipped" muscle supplements for a tiny profit margin, then they decided to have a go at designing clothes that body-builders would enjoy wearing. Working late into the night, Francis made some 1,000 T-shirts himself, emblazoned with the shark logo.

They started sending clothes to their YouTube fitness heroes, just for feedback, without ever imagining that influencers would become a key marketing tool. Their breakthrough came in 2013 when Francis blew his bank balance on a stand at the BodyPower Expo in Birmingham. International bodybuilders including Alon Gubbay, Jeff Seid and Chris Lavado turned up wearing Gymshark. Before that expo, Gymshark was making about £300 a day; in the first half hour after the event, orders leapt to £30,000.

"I want the UK to see Gymshark as thoroughly and truly British," he says when discussing the company's future. "We want to be the hometown heroes. We don't have to topple the biggest brands in the world. We just have to make something that's special and that people are proud of. For me, there's a really cool thing about having built an international brand in the West Midlands; something special and authentic and real. I love it here."

The West Midlands, he says, is "just full of lovely, really nice

GYMSHARK IN NUMBERS

£1.25 BILLION

company value

£500 MILLION

global sales (2022)

18 MILLION+

total social media following

10

years of operation

900

employees

70 PER CENT

Francis's company stake

30

Francis's age

£900 MILLION

Francis's estimated wealth

Figures: Retail Gazette & uk.gymshark.com

hard-working people". His own family members appear to serve as perfect examples. Both sets of grandparents ran their own businesses, his mother Nicky was until recently a heart nurse at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital and worked there throughout the pandemic; his father was in telecoms. "Coming from a typical Midlands family keeps you grounded because you don't get arrogant. You get put in your place. My mates don't care about what I do."

When Francis dropped out of a business studies course at Aston University to start Gymshark, his parents were "nervous" but wholly



behind him. His younger brother Joe joined the enterprise and is now customer support director.

An interviewer once asked Francis to list all the people who said his venture wasn't possible. He couldn't name one. "I can't tell this sob story: me against the world."

But he acknowledges there were blips. Black Friday, the day after US Thanksgiving, is traditionally one of the world's biggest days for online retail. On Black Friday in 2015, Gymshark's website crashed, losing the company £100,000 worth of orders and a lot of goodwill. Francis took it personally and handwrote 2,500 notes of apology. It took Gymshark 18 months to recover.

Under Theresa May's premiership, he was invited to No10 to take part in the Business

'Coming from the West Midlands, you get put in your place. My mates don't care what I do'

Council for Small Businesses. "It was one of the coolest days of my life," he recalls, "but I got rinsed for going in my tracksuit bottoms. People thought it was disrespectful. I took the feedback and went out and bought a suit and next time I turned up in a suit."

The game changed for Gymshark in 2020 when General Atlantic, an American private equity firm, bought a 21 per cent stake in a deal that valued the business at £1 billion. Francis ordered a Nando's to celebrate.

His former friend and co-founder Lewis Morgan was not there to share it. They'd parted ways over the company's future direction. "It was horrible. Once Lewis left I was in this thing on my own and that was upsetting. And it was horrible because I lost a friend."

His main extravagance after the General Atlantic deal was to buy a derelict dairy farm in the Cotswolds that he and his Canadian wife Robin Gallant, 31, are bringing back into production. They also have a house in Birmingham.

"She makes me 10 times better than I am," he says. "Without her, I wouldn't be half as good. We disagree on things; probably always will. Friends say we're like an old couple off *Gogglebox*, which is probably true. But that's nice, isn't it?"

They met at a fitness expo in Toronto and Gallant, a personal trainer with a degree in biochemistry and engineering, became a Gymshark influencer. Almost to his disbelief, she "jumped on a plane" to be with him and they married a year ago. One of the non-negotiables was that they should take holidays... including a holiday from their phones.

"I'm still having to work on that." He says it would be "amazing" to start a family. "I would like loads of kids. I will be interested to see how that changes me and my approach to things."

Are you a loafer lady or a ballet pump girl?

How to choose your flats. By *Tamara Abraham*

Move over trainers, out of the way Birkenstocks, and hit pause on the stompy boots – at least for another month. When it comes to flat footwear, there are two new styles on the *au courant* woman's radar and, like a horoscope, your choice can reveal a lot about you.

In one corner, we have the loafer, and it's not your classic Gucci Horsebit version. The most desirable styles this autumn are the kind seen at Prada, with chunky track soles and various degrees of platform height – they should be stompy like a boot on the bottom, but elegant up top. They have now proliferated across the high street, with colours, style and a price point for everyone.

In the other corner, there's the ballerina flat, which, thanks to Miu Miu (Prada's sister brand) hasn't had a fashion moment like this since Diana, Princess of Wales wore them in the 1990s. Back then I had a Saturday job at French Sole, the London-based label behind the late Princess's shoes, and the tiny store was always packed with women eager to emulate her style. The ballerina flat of 2022 has high vamp (cut higher on the foot), which makes it look more modern.

Both styles are useful at this time of year, when it's too autumnal to wear sandals, but too warm for boots. They are smarter than white trainers and add back-to-school polish to one's look.

That's about all they have in common, though. My colleagues

Style tribes: Nicole Kidman in loafers, Jeanne Damas in pumps



and friends fall into two camps. There are the ballerina girls, following in the dainty footsteps of Alexa Chung, Katie Holmes and the chic founder of French label Rouje, Jeanne Damas.

"I find them much more flattering," says my colleague Melissa Twigg. "They make my legs look longer and slimmer. I'm wedded to a black leather pair with a square toe by Pretty Ballerinas."

Personal stylist Annabel Hodin agrees. "My favourite purchase was the ruched square toed pump by Celine," she says. "The Chanel two-tone flat is another classic – best worn now with bare legs and slim-fit trousers."

Then there's the loafer tribe, of which I'm a member. They're the tomboy to the ballerina flat's feminine aesthetic. This look is popular with off-duty supermodels like Bella Hadid and Kendall Jenner. "They're so versatile," Hodin says. "Great with skirts, dresses, jeans or suits. It looks best with a chunky heel and sole, worn either with bare legs or socks. It's a little bit more of a 'fashion' look, but that shouldn't prohibit anyone from giving it a go."

Socks are a great way to add colour to your look, but avoid white or grey, which strays too far into schoolgirl territory. I've invested in a sheer black polkadot ankle-high pair by Falke (£12, selfridges.com) which I will wear with cropped trousers or a skirt that's just above the knee. Genevieve Sweeney's sparkly socks (£22, genevievesweeney.com) would also look chic.

Whatever your preference, both styles look best when baring a little ankle.

Picked your team? Now it's time to put your best foot forward.

LOAFERS



Agatea Chunky Loafer, £248, Reformation thereformation.com



Billie Chunky Loafer, £135, GH Bass ghbass-eu.com



Chunky Platform Loafers, £39.50, Marks & Spencer marksandspencer.com

BALLET FLATS



The Italian Leather Day Ballet Flat, £133, Everlane everlane.com



Hatfield Ballet Pumps, £89, Hush hush-uk.com



Leather Ballet Flats with Bow, £60, La Redoute laredoute.co.uk

Sumptuous and delicate Christian treasures, in their true northern home

Exhibition

Lindisfarne Gospels

Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

★★★★★

By Lucy Davies

Everyone should see the Lindisfarne Gospels at least once. The 1,300-year-old manuscript, which goes on display at Newcastle's Laing Art Gallery this week, is as much a treasure as the Sutton Hoo or Staffordshire Hoard – its Anglo-Saxon peers – and appreciably more mesmerising. The book usually resides in the British Library, though it is regularly removed from display for enforced “rest”, and has travelled only six times in the past 60 years.

It has always enjoyed such fierce protection. The stories of its rescue from drownings, Viking raids and Thomas Cromwell's emissaries are part of its charisma, though more extraordinary is the fact that its delicately scripted pages are the work of one man: Eadfrith, bishop of the monastery that once dominated Holy Island – a wind-whipped crumb of rock in the North Sea.

Holy Island, aka Lindisfarne, is where the exhibition begins, its first room filled by a magnificent audio-visual piece that blooms and recedes over the entire barrel-vaulted space. A watercolour-style animation tells the story of the monastery, and Eadfrith's labour in its bone-cold scriptoria. The narration is gentle, the consolatory music a blend of harp and sea-swoosh. It's a little like being washed before you enter a church.

Room two is duly sepulchral: dark blue, with its few choice objects spotlit. Not much survives from this early medieval period (we favoured wood over stone), but what has done is shown here to be strikingly connected. Fragments of stone crosses that once marked a place to meet and worship bear near-identical patterns to gold

jewellery found in graves. There are a few books too, including one buried with St Cuthbert on Lindisfarne in AD 687, which – thanks to his holiness, it's said – is in better nick than my school hymn-book.

The Gospels themselves are open at the Book of John. Eadfrith awarded each disciple a spectacular opener: first a portrait (not shown), followed by a so-called “carpet” page (a swirling, minutely detailed, multicoloured pattern), then an “incipit” page, on which the text begins in large ornate letters. Here, it's “In the beginning was the word”, which, given we're talking about a time at which Christianity, a religion of the book, was in the process of replacing oral paganism, seems beautifully apposite.

It's a shock after that to come blinking into the present day, via a room displaying recent (Constable is probably the earliest) and contemporary works addressing spirituality. The intention is to extend the Gospels' meaning and significance into our own age, but while some works are rewarding in their own right (drawings by the early-20th-century spiritualist Emma Kunz and the contemporary Japanese artist Hiroyuki Doi, in particular), as a whole they don't really add up to anything.

Where the intention absolutely succeeds is in an adjunct display downstairs, for which Ruth Ewan, one of two artists invited to respond to the Gospels (the other is a disappointing film by Turner Prize alumnus Jeremy Deller), asked people of the North East to share with her what they treasured. Around 80 objects are presented in two Cabinets of Curiosities: shells foraged from the sea, tailor's shears, a wooden ironing board that saved a life in a bombing raid, a child's cross-stitch embroidery from when that child later died. Small things, yet monumentally precious, and sure to make your hair stand on end.

From Saturday to Dec 3. Tickets: 0191 278 1611; laingartgallery.org.uk



Good book: the 1,300-year-old manuscript on display in Newcastle-upon-Tyne



Clooney and Roberts get lost on the way to paradise

Tim Robey

FILM CRITIC

Film

Ticket to Paradise

12A cert, 104 min

★★★★★

Dir Ol Parker

Starring Julia Roberts, George Clooney, Kaitlyn Dever, Maxime Bouttier, Lucas Bravo

Ticket to Paradise is like an island holiday with something amiss at the centre: despite the balmy weather, impeccable service and silky white sand, you feel at best

only a fake form of bliss. More often, as a mid-life romcom – a comedy of remarriage, no less – this is an empty barrel of laughs.

We know Julia Roberts and George Clooney can be funny together and, true, neither is bad in the film. Still, they've been funnier doing press for it than they are in it, bickering, in their practised, aren't-we-screwball way, as long-divorced parents flying into a ludicrously picture-perfect Bali to stop their daughter (Kaitlyn Dever) throwing her legal career away by impulsively getting married.

It's hard to say what's off in all this, other than the jokes. So much of the film is breezy preamble – whole scenes or half-scenes laboriously setting up punchlines that land with a “huh?” quality, if they land at all. “Unfunny” sounds more damning as an indictment than Ol Parker's film truly

deserves, though – perhaps it's closer to non-funny. You sift through it for light amusement, trying not to notice the green-screened quality of the exotic backdrops, canned roles for the Balinese, and a general lack of zest.

“Comedy of remarriage”? That term was coined by the critic Stanley Cavell to describe the subgenre of Hollywood films in the 1930s and 1940s where some combination of Cary Grant, Irene Dunne, Katharine Hepburn or

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Oh, sandy: George Clooney and Julia Roberts. Below: Kaitlyn Dever (as their daughter), with Maxime Bouttier

Spencer Tracy – but it was usually Grant – let fly, with the verbal energy of exes who definitely hadn't moved on. Clooney is very much in Grant tribute mode here, and modestly charming in his better scenes, but you catch him overdoing the patter and gesticulations, as if well aware that he needs to give Parker's script the hard sell.

Meanwhile, Roberts's Georgia obtains a younger boyfriend called Paul, a commercial pilot played with cute haplessness by the French

actor Lucas Bravo (he of *Emily in Paris*), who is meant to be dull, wet, kind and dopily attractive – it would have been Ralph Bellamy back in the day. This character exists to be patted on the head: he's perfectly sweet, but not good enough for the effortlessly charismatic Roberts – but who is?

Ticket to Paradise winds up being Paul in film form: ever-so-earnest, light on wit, trying too hard. When it's in-flight entertainment this winter, no one will necessarily moan, but it plays like a soothing feature-length trailer for your first cocktail on the beach.

In cinemas from Sept 20



Love, loss, redemption – Ukrainian dancers give their all

Ballet

United Ukrainian Ballet: Giselle

London Coliseum, WC2

★★★★★

By Mark Monahan

Some events exist – and should be judged – by slightly different rules, and Tuesday night's premiere of the United Ukrainian Ballet's *Giselle* was one of them.

This recently formed company is made up of several dozen Ukrainian dancers in exile, with all proceeds going to the DEC Ukraine Appeal and the United Ukrainian Ballet Foundation. What's more, its staging of the 1841 French Gothic-Romantic classic – pointedly, the greatest extant 19th-century ballet created outside Russia – is being overseen by the brilliant Russian-Ukrainian choreographer and former Bolshoi director Alexei Ratmansky. Consulting notations from circa 1860 that predate the piece's extensive reworkings in St Petersburg by Marius Petipa and Arthur Saint-Léon, he has restored various scenes that most *Giselles* lack (while by no means exciting



Poignant: Christine Shevchenko as Giselle and Oleksii Tiutiunnyk as Albrecht

those two masters' contributions).

The evening's emotive tone was set with a sterling rendition – by a clutch of English National Opera members, and the ENO Orchestra – of Benjamin Britten's take on *God Save the King*. It also concluded with the Ukrainian equivalent (more of which later). As for the production itself, it looks terrific, thanks to the sets and costumes designed by Hayden Griffin and Peter Farmer, and generously lent by Birmingham Royal Ballet.

And no one could accuse the Ukrainians of not diving wholeheartedly in. As a late stand-in for ENB first-soloist guest star Katja Khaniukova, Christine Shevchenko proved a wide-eyed, light-footed Giselle, a little on the bland side but touchingly in love with the nobleman Albrecht (who caddishly hides both his status and the fact that he is already engaged to another). She also generated a decent chemistry with Oleksii Tiutiunnyk, whose Albrecht was in this case more a cheerfully unaware *Made in Chelsea* type than an out-and-out rotter. As Hilarion – the gamekeeper who, in love with Giselle, publicly unmasks Albrecht and causes Giselle to lose her mind and die –

Sergei Kliachin was enjoyably melodramatic; and a special nod goes to Veronika Hordina for her crisp Peasant pas de deux – the evening's standout performance.

Meanwhile, the large corps danced their hearts out, even if they didn't quite muster the ideal, earthy vigour of Act I's village celebrations, or let the contrasting Act II, set after Giselle's death in an eerie moonlit forest glade, fully lift off the ground. It all made for a collective performance that was dutiful, professional and commendable, without stirring the imagination as this ballet can.

However, you did find yourself considering how poignant this tale of love, loss and redemption must feel to these dancers. And the cast's closing rendition of the Ukrainian national anthem – complete with Ratmansky on stage draped in a Ukrainian flag, and much sobbing in the audience – hit the emotional solar plexus. Tickets for this run are not cheap. But, to judge by Tuesday's rapturous response, I doubt there were many in the audience who didn't feel their money had been impeccably spent.

Until Saturday.
Tickets: londoncoliseum.org

Mozart's seducer breaks another promise

Opera

Don Giovanni

Royal Opera House, London WC2

★★★★★

By John Allison

Don Giovanni's reputation as a directors'-graveyard opera has been upheld at Covent Garden this century. Francesca Zambello's much-derided production was introduced 20 years ago, to be replaced in 2014 by Kasper Holten's even more unsatisfactory staging – yet Mozart's masterpiece about the downfall of a great seducer endures, its success dependent on the quality of its cast and conductor.

Some lack of energy on this occasion could be excused by the long gap between dress rehearsal and this opening performance. The original first night was cancelled following the late Queen's death, an event reflected here in the blacking-out of the EHR monogram on the Royal Opera House curtains, a minute's silence and the singing of *God Save the King*. But even in the best-planned circumstances, this is a

production that makes a long opera feel even longer. As revived by Greg Eldridge, Holten's direction matches the dark comedy, and Es Devlin's intricate construction of doors and staircases leading nowhere makes its point. But restless video design, beginning in the overture with the imagined names of all 2,065 of Don Giovanni's victims, too often obscures the singers' features.

A further pall is cast over things by Constantin Trinks's conducting, lacking Mozartian finesse and grace. Tempi are a little ponderous and textures thick, and there is some rough-edged playing, all in contrast to the hyperactive continuo. Trinks's big-boned overture opens full of promise, but it is a promise fulfilled only as Don Giovanni goes down to Hell – or not – in proto-Romantic style, an indication of Mozart's modern musical thinking. By Covent Garden standards, this is an ordinary ensemble, and no one is more

ordinary than Giovanni himself, Luca Micheletti. It's telling that Micheletti's biography puts his voice last in describing him as an "actor, theatre director and baritone": he has presence, rather than a seductive vocal line.

There is one uncommonly good performance: too often a tiresome wimp, Don Ottavio (who gives chase to Giovanni) is sung with warm-toned elegance by Charles Castronovo. The two leading ladies also rise above the production: Maria Bengtsson brings her

creamy soprano to Donna Anna, Ottavio's fiancée, and Paula

Murrihy's mezzo is full of colour as Donna Elvira, Giovanni's ex-lover. And Adam Palka sings potently as the Commendatore, killed by Giovanni at the outset then reincarnated as a vengeful statue – yet the decision to cut the final ensemble, which justifies the seducer's removal to Hell, may match the production's ambiguity, but it leaves the music and drama dangling.

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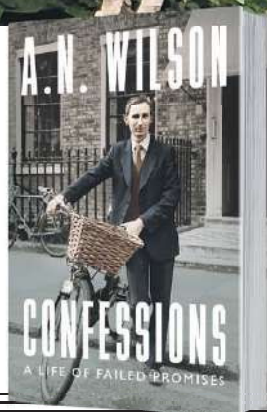
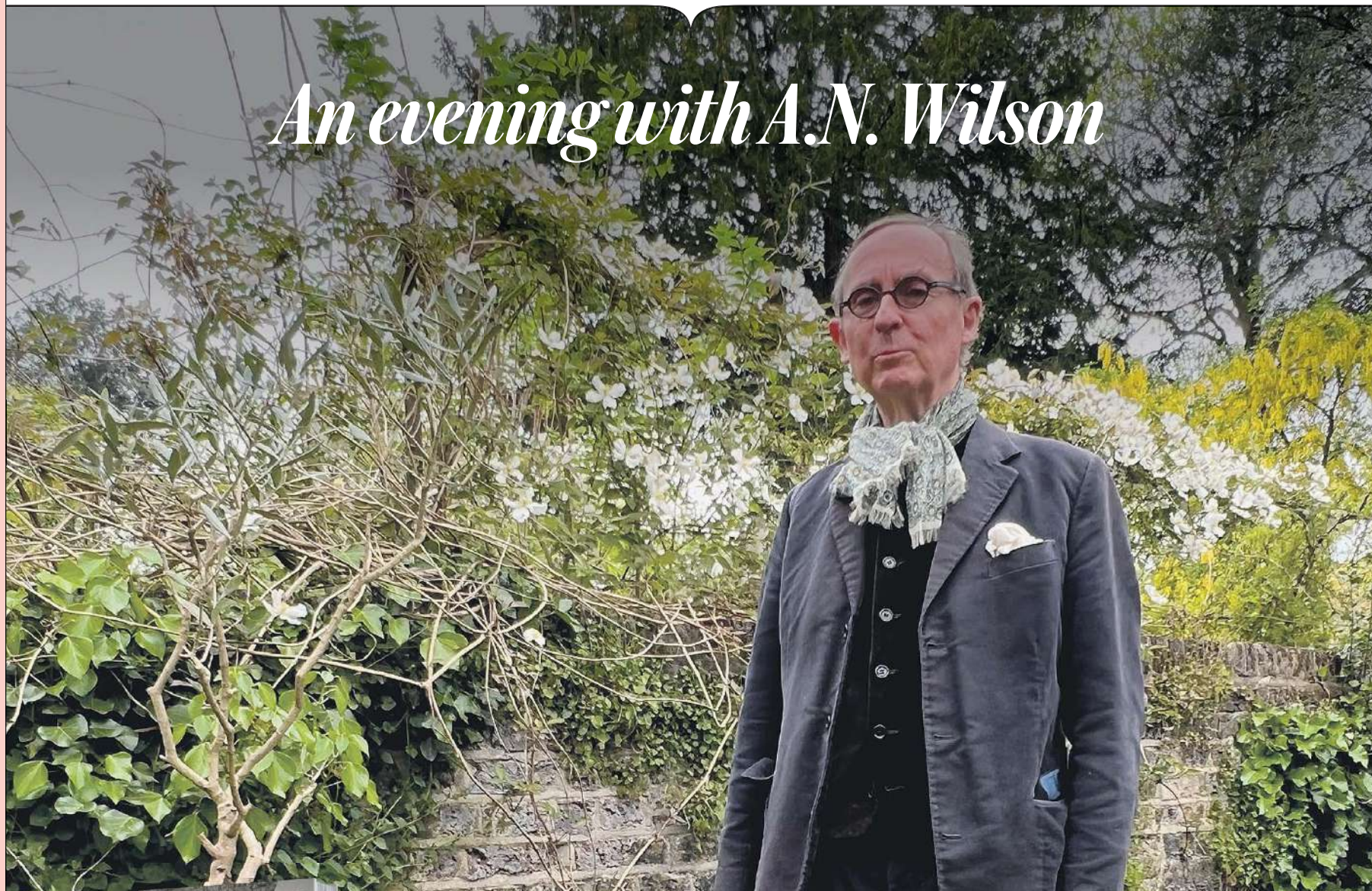
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Respectful: Rangers supporters fill a whole end of Ibrox with a dramatic silhouette of Queen Elizabeth II during a minute's silence before the Champions League match against Napoli, which ended in a 3-0 win for the Italian side

Rangers defy Uefa anthem ban

Club could face sanction after playing 'God Save the King'

Celtic fans display offensive anti-royal banner in Warsaw

By Ben Rumsby and Mike McGrath

Celtic fans caused outrage with offensive banners about the death of Queen Elizabeth II last night as Rangers defied Uefa and played the national anthem.

The Old Firm rivals, both in Champions League action, were responsible for some of football's most extreme responses yet to the death of Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Celtic supporters displayed banners that read "F--- The Crown" and "Sorry for your loss Michael Fagan" during their 1-1 draw in Warsaw with Shakhtar Donetsk. The latter was a sarcastic reference to an intruder who found his way into the late Queen's Buckingham Palace bedroom 40 years ago.



Shame: Celtic fans hold offensive banners

But it was Rangers who put themselves at most risk of punishment after playing the national anthem on Ibrox's public address system before their match against Napoli.

That followed Uefa's refusal of a request to do so by the Glasgow club. Chelsea and Manchester City had similar pleas turned down.

The defiant playing of the anthem at Ibrox following an approved minute's silence was accompanied by the fans' loud singing – some opting for the words "God save the Queen"

rather than "God save the King". Fans in a stand behind one of the goals held up coloured cards to create a massive Union Jack, with the late Queen's silhouette in the middle, while the anthem was followed by an impromptu rendition from the crowd of *Rule Britannia*.

Chelsea and City did not defy Uefa over the anthem, although fans of the former club could be heard singing it before the players arrived on the pitch. Pre-match tributes at *Continued on Page 3*

Chelsea talks over European feeder clubs

By Matt Law
FOOTBALL NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Chelsea have been holding talks about buying a club in Portugal as part of the new owners' plan to follow the multi-club model set by the Red Bull football group and Manchester City.

Co-controlling owner Todd

Boehly met Chelsea's academy manager Neil Bath and super-agent Jorge Mendes in Portugal in June, when it is believed the subject was discussed. Bath is understood to have been scouting the clubs that would be best for Chelsea's young players to be sent, while Mendes's extensive links in Portugal would make him the perfect go-between in any purchase.

Portugal is seen as a prime country in which to buy a satellite club, given the league is considered one of the best outside Europe's top five and the conveyor belt of young talent that is produced.

Boehly confirmed this week that he was looking to expand Chelsea's global footprint by buying overseas satellite clubs and that he wanted *Continued on Page 6*

Worcester game left in doubt

By Ben Coles
and Charles Richardson

Worcester Warriors' first home Gallagher Premiership fixture of the season against Exeter Chiefs on Sunday was in doubt last night when a 5pm deadline to pay match-day medical staff was missed.

Telegraph Sport understands that

the staff – an essential match-day presence – had set Worcester a deadline in order to be confirmed for the game.

Premiership Rugby has not set a deadline, but time is now running out for Worcester to make arrangements. It is highly unlikely that the game could happen without medical provision and the club are now *Continued on Page 9*

'Haaland's exceptional' Stunning goal completes City comeback and wins Guardiola plaudits *Pages 2-3*



Bridge too far Potter era starts with a home draw after Sterling strike is cancelled out *Page 4*



Haaland upstages Bellingham to

Manchester City	2
Stones 80, Haaland 84	
Dortmund	1
Bellingham 56	

By Jason Burt
CHIEF FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
at the Etihad Stadium

What a finish. Not just the two late goals in four minutes that Manchester City scored to overturn this Champions League match when it appeared to be beyond them, but also the balletic but brutal beauty of the extraordinary strike that won it. Of course it came from Erling Haaland, who had been shackled so

effectively by his former club until Joao Cancelo crossed with the outside of his right boot and the Norwegian rose with a mixture of elegance and unstoppable power to volley into the net. The striker was maybe eight foot in the air and it was a goal reminiscent of prime Zlatan Ibrahimovic, a player Haaland has drawn inspiration from, and he certainly has that swagger.

For Pep Guardiola, though, it was a goal more akin to his hero and mentor Johan Cruyff and there can be no higher praise than that.

It is now 13 goals in eight games for the striker and although he did not celebrate against the club he left in the summer to join City it made

the moment more imperious. Defeat was tough on Borussia Dortmund but they know the script when Haaland is around. After all, they have so often benefited from it.

And yet they will wonder how they lost, with goalkeeper Alexander Meyer making a mess of John Stones's shot from 22 yards to gift City their equaliser with their first effort on target. That was in the 80th minute. A Guardiola side has rarely had to wait so long.

The City manager was certainly agitated and was booked at the final whistle for his protests. Goodness knows how he would have reacted had City lost, as they were set to before those dramatic late goals, with Jude Bellingham almost steal-

ing the show with another extraordinary performance.

If Haaland's goal, his 26th in just 21 Champions League games, was peak Ibrahimovic then Bellingham's was classic Bryan Robson as the England midfielder, 19, stole into the penalty area in anticipation to beat Ederson with a brave header.

In fact, Haaland masked a multitude of concerns for City, who were strangely slow and sluggish with Jack Grealish looking a shadow of himself and certainly nothing like a £100million signing before he was inevitably substituted.

It was not until a trio of attacking replacements – Phil Foden, Bernardo Silva and Julian Alvarez – came on that City showed any real

signs of life and impetus after a shockingly poor first half which was only enlivened by the relentlessness of the Dortmund fans. Guardiola admitted his side were in the “wrong gear”.

It was summed up by Grealish's

Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
Borussia Dortmund	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	3
FC Copenhagen	2	0	1	1	0	3	-3	1
Sevilla	2	0	1	1	0	4	-4	1

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Stunning strikes: Erling Haaland produces an acrobatic leap to steer in Manchester City's late winner at the far post (left); John Stones equalises with a powerful right-foot shot from outside the penalty area

The game in numbers

21

City home games unbeaten in the Champions League (W19, D2), the best run for an English side since Chelsea's 21 (2006-09).

18

Goals scored by John Stones for City and England, last night's his first from outside the penalty area.

Guardiola: Wonder goal put me in mind of mentor Cruyff

By James Ducker
at the Etihad Stadium

Pep Guardiola hailed Erling Haaland as “exceptional” and claimed his stunning winner evoked memories of a similarly show-stopping goal

from his mentor, Johan Cruyff. Haaland's 13th goal in eight games completed a dramatic turnaround as Manchester City came from behind to beat his former club Borussia Dortmund 2-1 at the Etihad Stadium.

“Maybe you know the influence Johan Cruyff had on my life and

years ago Johan scored an incredible goal in Camp Nou for Barcelona against Atletico Madrid and the moment Erling scored I thought it was quite similar,” Guardiola said. “It was an incredible assist by Joao [Cancelo]. The finishing from Erling was exceptional.”

Haaland hoisted his left leg high in the air to steer a controlled volley from Cancelo's superb cross over goalkeeper Alexander Meyer to give City the lead four minutes after John Stones had equalised.

Guardiola and Zlatan Ibrahimovic did not see eye to eye during their time together at Barcelona but the Swede was also renowned for his agility, despite standing 6ft 5in tall like Haaland, and the City manager drew

Card game: Pep Guardiola is booked by Daniele Orsato

comparisons between the two. “I remember my dear, dear friend Ibrahimovic has this ability to put the leg on the roof and Erling is quite similar on that,” Guardiola said. “He is elastic, he is flexible and after he has the ability to make the contact and put the ball in the net. I think his mum and dad give him that flexibility.”

Haaland had been kept on a fairly tight leash before he broke Dortmund hearts six minutes from time. “They didn't stop me. I scored. They played



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uncertainty. Three times he cut inside, three times he delayed and three times his shot was charged down. There was no confidence.

Dortmund, superbly organised defensively, had served a warning when Bellingham broke before finding Salih Ozcan, who picked out Marco Reus's run. The forward cut back and shot narrowly across goal. Guardiola was alarmed and readied his changes but before they could be made a corner was only partially cleared with Reus half-volleying it back across goal.

Bellingham was quick to react, between Haaland and another former Dortmund team-mate Manuel Akanji, and steered his header home for his fourth Champions League goal, the most ever by an English teenager. But he shone throughout.

Once behind, City's changes kicked in. They were far more threatening with Kevin de Bruyne finally connecting with Haaland who struck the outside of the post from a tight angle while the runs in behind from Foden and Silva were stretching Dortmund.

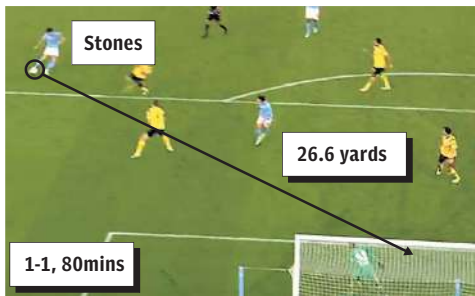
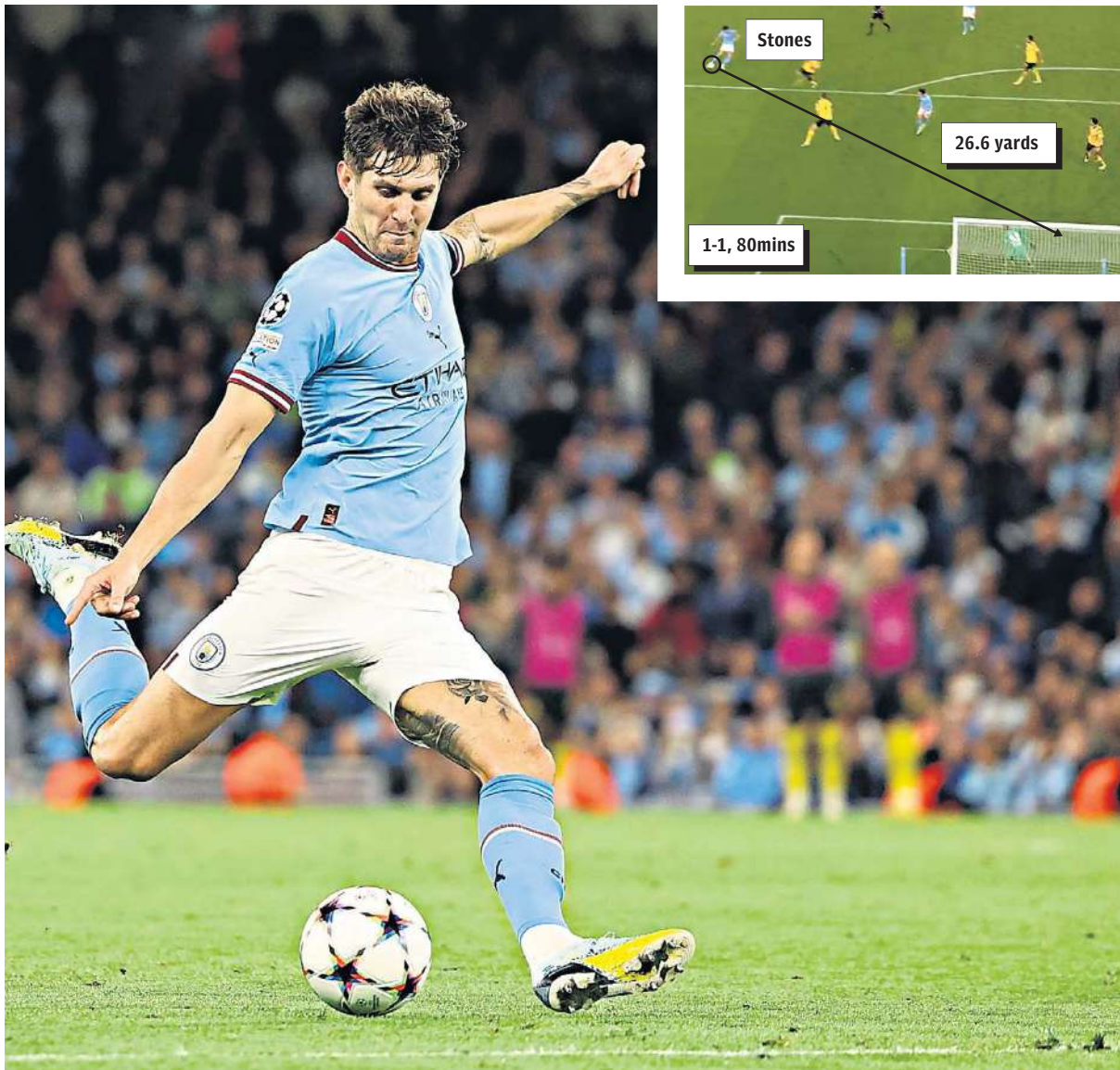
Still there appeared little danger when the ball was played back by De Bruyne to Stones, working as a makeshift right-back, but he had time and space to shoot. His effort was powerful but it did not swerve and Meyer seemed strangely caught out as the ball flew past him.

As so often in the past, City scored in bunches and one goal became two when, soon after, Cancelo was also afforded time and Haaland led with his left foot above his head – when it appeared easier to connect with his right – as he completed the comeback and City suddenly took control of the group. After that Haaland was taken off to a standing ovation. Like his goals, it is becoming a regular sight.

Manchester City (4-3-3) Ederson 6; Stones 7 Akanji 6 Ake 5 Cancelo 7; De Bruyne 6 Rodri 7 Gundogan 6 (Silva 58); Mahrez 4 (Alvarez 58) Haaland 8 (Phillips 91) Grealish 4 (Foden 58). **Subs** Ortega (gk), Carson (gk), Dias, Gomez, Palmer, Lewis, Wilson-Esbrand. **Booked** Rodri, Foden.

Borussia Dortmund (4-3-3) Meyer 4; Meunier 6 Sule 7 Hummels 8 Guerreiro 7; Ozcan 7 (Moukoko 88) Can 6 Bellingham 9; Reus 7 (Adeyemi 88), Modeste 6 (Schlotterbeck 78) Reyna 6 (Malen 62) **Subs** Unbehaun (gk), Hazard, Wolf, Brandt, Adeyemi, Passlack, Rothe, Coulibaly. **Booked** Malen, Ozcan, Meunier.

Referee Daniele Orsato (Italy).



well and they were good," he said. "I was quite sure I was going to be followed all game because they know me well.

"In the end we showed what we are. This is what we are and this is how we have to play. I'm proud of the last 20, 25 minutes. [We scored] two wonderful goals today – mine was a bit better, honestly! It was a nice cross from Cancelo. It was a really important win."

Guardiola was booked after the final whistle for remonstrating with referee Daniele Orsato but said he had apologised to the Italian official after the game.

"I apologised to him, I lived in Italy so I love that country but I said to him all the game was conducted forward and forward and in the last minutes, there's a foul against Phil [Foden] and he doesn't whistle. So the comment was on that. I am sorry and nothing happened."

City improved dramatically once Guardiola introduced substitutes Foden, Bernardo Silva and Julian Alvarez in the 58th minute after criticising his team's performance until then.

"We are used to doing it [comebacks] lately. I don't like it," said Guardiola, who has seen his team fight back to beat Crystal Palace and draw with Newcastle already this season.

"We played in the wrong gear today. No aggression. We were passive. The moment we changed rhythm with Phil, Bernardo [Silva] and Julian, we changed our pace and scored two excellent goals.

"I'm pretty sure the way we were playing in the first half John [Stones] wouldn't have had the courage to try it [his shot] but we had the rhythm and momentum and we said, 'OK it's going to happen.' It was exceptional [from Haaland]. I'm so happy for him."



In unison: Rangers' Connor Goldson, John Lundstram and Steven Davis join in the anthem

Premier League pledges to go ahead with anthem

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Stamford Bridge also saw Chelsea Pensioners lay wreaths on the field, while fans of opponents Red Bull Salzburg had earlier walked in silence to the ground from Earl's Court as a mark of respect.

Rangers had made no secret of their plans before kick-off, saying in a statement: "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be honoured this evening at Ibrox with a minute's silence, a display created by the Union Bears, and a rendition of the national anthem."

The Group A match had been moved back a day due to a lack of police resources related to the late Queen's death, with no Napoli fans allowed at the match.

There was no minute's silence at Celtic's Group F game in Poland after they chose not to request one, and not all their players wore black armbands. The anti-royal banners provoked a backlash on social media.

Uefa had already announced no anthems – including its own for the Champions League – would be played at European matches in the United Kingdom this week as part of efforts to ensure a "subdued" atmosphere.

The Premier League yesterday announced that the national anthem would be played at its games this weekend following minute's silences, with jumbo-screens showing images of the late Queen and flags at stadiums flying at half-mast.

Fans have been invited to applaud her 70-year reign in the 70th minute of games.

Tributes paid during matches in the UK on Tuesday night witnessed only a small number of catcalls or other interruptions.

That included during a silence before Liverpool's Champions League win over Ajax.

A few matches across the British Isles since the Queen's death last Thursday have been marred by offensive behaviour, most notably at Shamrock Rovers.

Bayern Munich fans also held up banners protesting at disruption caused to football by the commemorations and some Wrexham sup-

porters booed their own minute's silence.

During Bayern's 2-0 Champions League victory over Barcelona on Tuesday night, a banner in the stands read: "Last minute match delays and bans because of a royal's death?! Respect fans!"

Although Bayern had not been directly affected, the reference appeared to be to British football coming to a standstill last weekend and the postponements of Rangers' Champions League match against Napoli and Arsenal's Europa League home tie against PSV Eindhoven due to a shortage of police officers.

In England, the English Football League and National Leagues all staged pre-match silences on Tuesday night – but a minority of supporters undermined commemorations at Wrexham.

Fans jeering at the Racecourse Ground's Kop end were shouted down, however, with the vast majority observing the silence before the National League home game against Dagenham and Redbridge.

Meanwhile, Arsenal have avoided being forced to forfeit their clash with PSV after a request to postpone their Premier League game against Manchester City on Oct 19 was granted.

'Disrespectful' Teams under fire for trying to arrange friendly

Two amateur teams were branded "disrespectful and despicable" for trying to organise a friendly after their league's matches were postponed as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II.	Sheffield International FC had been due to face Byron House in the Sheffield and District Fair Play League last Saturday. When all matches in England	were cancelled by the Football Association, Sheffield International posted on Twitter that they would play Byron House at the same venue and time, but stated that the game would be a friendly.	A league spokesperson said: "We absolutely do not condone this disrespectful and despicable behaviour."
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Chelsea's frailty exposes size of challenge ahead

Chelsea

Sterling 48

RB Salzburg

Okafor 75

By Jeremy Wilson
CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER
at Stamford Bridge

Todd Boehly, the new Chelsea co-owner, might be keen on bringing the American All-Star concept to English football but, on this evidence, precious few of his squad will be getting into any fantasy Premier League team.

A group that has been furnished with a £261million investment since Boehly arrived at Chelsea have now won only two of their past seven games, with Graham Potter unable to inspire an instant turnaround in his first game as manager after the shock sacking of Thomas Tuchel.

A murmuring of boos could even be heard around Stamford Bridge on the final whistle after Chelsea

squandered the lead that Raheem Sterling had provided and were held at home by the Austrian team FC Salzburg. It was a stark reminder of the expectations that Potter must face, with Chelsea bottom of Champions League Group E and already facing a hazardous path to the knockout phase.

The building frustration among Chelsea fans was unlikely to have been eased by Boehly's pre-match interview – notably his open-minded response to a question about the European Super League – but Potter did at least provide a strikingly more upbeat assessment of the players and their current capabilities than his predecessor. After the Tuchel hairdryer following defeat in Zagreb, they were met with regular touchline applause here and an appraisal that constantly went in search of positives.

“We can't lie, it is not the position we want to be in, but we have to respond,” said Potter. “There's enough quality. They're intelligent. They are top players. They are work-

ing hard. There is a nice spirit. Today is not the best start in terms of points for us but ... how we acted on the pitch, as a group, lots of positives.”

The initial off-field atmosphere was also upbeat and, while a pre-match request to play the national anthem was turned down by Uefa, that did not stop Chelsea's supporters from sounding out their own impromptu rendition as the players gathered in the tunnel. Members of the Chelsea pensioners had laid wreaths on the pitch and, with the home fans covering one corner of

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Red Bull Salzburg	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2		
Chelsea	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1		

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Stamford Bridge with Union Jack flags and the banner “RIP Your Majesty”, Salzburg supporters unveiled their own message which read “In memory of Elizabeth II”.

With England manager Gareth Southgate looking on from the stands, and Potter forsaking his usual more casual pitchside attire with a black suit and tie, the pre-match period of silence was perfectly observed.

Potter's first-team selection would prove eye-catching. More than £100million of newly acquired defensive talent – Wesley Fofana and Kalidou Koulibaly – were named only among the substitutes as the new manager plumped for the experience of Cesar Azpilicueta and Thiago Silva at the heart of an otherwise daring three-man back line.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang might be dead in front of goal, but his work off the ball remains questionable and he could not shoot quickly enough to prevent Strahinja Pavlovic's block when a chance did present itself. Mason Mount was then even more wasteful after Sterling and Marc Cucurella had linked down the left and Pavlovic's attempted clearance landed at his feet on the edge of the penalty area.

With his arms largely folded, Potter cut a noticeably less animated touchline presence than Tuchel, whose Chelsea contribution was marked after 21 minutes of a largely uneventful first-half with applause

from the home supporters in appreciation of his 2021 Champions League victory.

Chelsea resumed with rather more purpose. Reece James received the ball inside his own half, turned quickly and drove forward before demonstrating the composure both to sense Mount's run and release his England team-mate. Chelsea were aided by some slapstick defending, but Sterling had cleverly drifted into space and delivered an emphatic finish.

Salzburg were there for the taking, but Chelsea were punished for a dreadful defensive lapse. Silva was dispossessed by Junior Adamu, who sprinted to the byline and crossed along the six-yard box. Azpilicueta looked to have the danger covered but Noah Okafor darted in front of him and diverted his equalising finish between his legs and past Arrizabalaga. Chelsea pushed hard for a winner, with Armando Broja blasting over and Hakim Ziyech almost scoring with his first touch, but Salzburg held firm to underline the size of the task already facing Potter.

Chelsea (3-4-1-2) Arrizabalaga 6; Azpilicueta 5 (Ziyech 82); Silva 5, Cucurella 6; Jorginho 7; James 7, Kovacic 6 (Gallagher 81); Mount 6, Sterling (Pulisic 84); Havertz 5 (Loftus-Cheek 66); Aubameyang 5 (Broja 66).

Subs Bettinelli, Chalobah, Zakaria, Chilwell, Koulibaly, Chukwuemeka, Fofana. **Booked** James.

Red Bull Salzburg (4-3-1-2) Kohn 6; Dedic 6, Bernardo 6, Pavlovic 7, Dedic 7; Capaldo 6, Seiwald 7, Kjaergaard 6 (Gourna-Douath 45); Susic 6 (Kameri 70); Sesko 6 (Adamu 70), Okafor 6 (Koita 85). **Subs** Manti, Van der Brempt, Platkowski, Baidoo, Simic, Diarra. **Booked** Adamu, Capaldo, Pavlovic, Ulmer. **Referee** Ivan Kruzliak (Slovakia).

On target: Raheem Sterling puts Chelsea ahead at Stamford Bridge before they were pegged back by battling Salzburg



How Potter showed his independence during first game in charge

By Sam Dean at Stamford Bridge

Team selection

Graham Potter may be the manager of choice for Chelsea's new American owners but he will still be his own man at Stamford Bridge, living by his own decisions. It would have been easy for him to pick the ownership's expensive new signings in his first game in charge, but he clearly felt no pressure in that regard: Wesley Fofana and Kalidou Koulibaly, £100million worth of defensive talent, started the evening on the bench.

Evidently, this was Potter's team. That much was also clear in the familiar shape, which was similar to Brighton's usual formation under Potter: three at the back, with wing-backs pushing high. It meant that Raheem Sterling also had to put in a considerable amount of defensive work at left wing-back.

Tactics

It was no surprise that Marc Cucurella was included in Potter's first Chelsea team. Cucurella joined Chelsea from Brighton, where he excelled under Potter last season, and there can be no player in the

squad who is more attuned to the new coach's tactical approach.

Another player who should fit in well is midfielder Jorginho, who started at the base of the midfield here and regularly dropped even deeper, into the defensive line, to help Chelsea progress the ball from back to front. Potter prefers a possession-based style of play and Jorginho will be a key player this season.

Touchline demeanour

Potter spent much of the



first half applauding his players for their attempts to play short passes between Salzburg's lines, while there was particularly strong praise for goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga, who rushed off his line to clear a loose ball.

A black suit marked a change from Potter's usual relaxed touchline look. He donned a club tracksuit for the early stages of his Brighton tenure, before making a change to his own clothes last year.

The suit was no doubt a reflection of the occasion, given the events of the past few days, but it did add to the sense that this was also a significant moment for Potter on a personal level.

Substitutions

Despite Chelsea leading the game at the time, Potter's first two changes were at the attacking end of the pitch. Salzburg's equaliser saw Potter (left) stuff his team full of attacking players which led to plenty of pressure and half-chances for his side, but they could not find the winning goal.

Boehly’s bolt from blue falls flat with boardroom rivals

Chelsea owner’s idea for an All-Star game demonstrates a failure to grasp what makes Premier League so valuable

By Sam Wallace
CHIEF FOOTBALL WRITER

Todd Boehly has been having ideas about the ways English football could be changed for the better for as long as anyone in English football can remember, which is to say the end of May, when the American private equity hawk finally gained control of Chelsea in the biggest ever deal for a sports franchise.

It was not that anyone at the Premier League annual general meeting in Harrogate in June was against some Boehly blue-sky thinking, it was simply that there was so much of it. Yet – as events this week have shown – that was not all. Boehly’s fellow 19 Premier League club executives were not privy to his idea for a Premier League All-Star North v South game – that bombshell was kept under wraps until Tuesday’s discussion at a forum in New York.

One could have been forgiven for thinking that the Chelsea co-controlling owner was doing his best to squeeze the first press conference of his new manager Graham Potter out of the following morning’s newspapers and news bulletins. By the time Jurgen Klopp had offered some robust views on the proposal late on Tuesday night, the issue was live. No doubt Boehly’s career has been built on seeing the world differently but unlike US sport, this is not a world that is controlled by the league in which he is such a vociferous voice.

The Premier League has not discussed the possibility of an All-Star game and neither are there any plans to do so in the short or medium-term for many reasons even before one reaches the question of sporting merit or player welfare. Not least because the future of the football calendar is a battleground for the most powerful elements in the game, especially post-2024 when key broadcast con-

tracts end. As ever, it is Fifa which has first choice, followed by Uefa with the domestic leagues and associations following behind, and the politics of that hierarchy are complex to say the least.

The Community Shield, which Boehly proposed replacing with an All-Star weekend, is not, lest the new owners of Chelsea forget, a Premier League game. It belongs to the Football Association, which has been pushed around in the past by the clubs but showed considerable backbone in the European Super League battle.

The game itself is played in what Uefa calls the “Super Cup window” which is the name more commonly given across Europe to the set-piece match between league champions and domestic cup winners. Serie A and La Liga have played with the format, staging it in Saudi Arabia or expanding the competition and moving it to the winter. Either way, the reassignment of that valuable weekend fixture space is not in the gift of the Premier League

Broadcast contracts for the Premier League and the FA, which sells the Community Shield as part of its rights packages, are longstanding. The Premier League is in the first season of its current cycle and renegotiating now would not put it in a position of strength. The league’s priority is dealing with the calls for a legislative-backed independent regulator, the attendant question of financial support for the pyramid and fighting its corner with other European leagues over the future of the calendar. All of which roughly translates as: not now, Todd.

It would be wrong to assume all American Premier League owners are acting in concert. The Glazer and Kroenke families do not attend Premier League shareholder meetings, and there has been no explicit support for Boehly’s ideas from those US executives who occasionally do, such as Liverpool chairman Tom Werner.

The All-Star idea certainly fits a theme that Boehly knows best. He was keen to emphasise at the AGM in June that he believes greater

value can be wrung from the league, and Tuesday’s public pronouncements follow a theme of what has been said in private.

There are, naturally, major differences between the NFL and the NBA – which Boehly holds up as the gold standard – and the Premier League.

Governed by the UK’s communications regulator Ofcom, the Premier League is not permitted to sell rights domestically for longer than three-year cycles. As for the All-Star game, there are major questions over player welfare and wages recompense in the event of injuries, issues which already plague the international game.

Boehly said that the idea would principally be to deliver a one-off windfall for the rest of the pyramid – although how the players facing a 60-game season regard that option is intriguing. That specific weekend represents the end of a carefully planned pre-season aimed at conditioning players for the months ahead. The notion of the best of those players being handed over to an All-Star game would represent an even greater risk than when they embark on international duty.

Klopp is a manager who has always championed fewer games and a greater emphasis on preparing the best players to compete at the top of their game.

Those who share his view believe that what drives elite football’s enormous growth in rights value has been high-quality, high-stakes games in competitions with rich histories. The Champions League is the descendant of the European Cup, now in its 67th year, 12 years older than the Super Bowl, and matured into a competition of global standing and legacy. League championship football in England has been played since 1888.

Greater quality and greater competitiveness in the cups and leagues that matter to fans: that is the mantra of the most successful league and competitions. It is also why the ESL failed so miserably.

It felt unfair and exclusive and had no history. For every new owner it seems to take a while to grasp the importance of that.

How the American’s North v South line-up of



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<div>Kyle Walker</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Ruben Dias</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Virgil van Dijk</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>Joao Cancelo</div> <div>Man City</div>
<div>Kevin De Bruyne</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Rodri</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Bernardo Silva</div> <div>Man City</div>	
<div>Mohamed Salah</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>Erling Haaland</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Luis Diaz</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	

Substitutes

<div>Ederson</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Riyad Mahrez</div> <div>Manchester City</div>
<div>T Alexander-Arnold</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>James Maddison</div> <div>Leicester City</div>
<div>Raphael Varane</div> <div>Manchester United</div>	<div>Phil Foden</div> <div>Manchester City</div>
<div>Andy Robertson</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>Diogo Jota</div> <div>Liverpool</div>
<div>Thiago Alcantara</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	

RESTRICTED - TWO PER TEAM

<div>David de Gea</div> <div>Manchester United</div>			
<div>K Trippier</div> <div>Newcastle United</div>	<div>R Varane</div> <div>Manchester United</div>	<div>Virgil van Dijk</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>Lucas Digne</div> <div>Aston Villa</div>
<div>Kevin De Bruyne</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>B Guimaraes</div> <div>Newcastle United</div>	<div>James Maddison</div> <div>Leicester City</div>	
<div>Mohamed Salah</div> <div>Liverpool</div>	<div>Erling Haaland</div> <div>Man City</div>	<div>Pedro Neto</div> <div>Wolves</div>	

Substitutes

<div>Jordan Pickford</div> <div>Everton</div>	<div>Ruben Neves</div> <div>Wolves</div>
<div>Neco Williams</div> <div>Nottingham Forest</div>	<div>Jack Harrison</div> <div>Leeds United</div>
<div>Diego Carlos</div> <div>Aston Villa</div>	<div>Brennan Johnson</div> <div>Nottingham Forest</div>
<div>Diego Llorente</div> <div>Leeds United</div>	<div>D Calvert-Lewin</div> <div>Everton</div>
<div>Youri Tielemans</div> <div>Leicester City</div>	

Great divide Should All-Star game be restricted to brightest talents?

There are considerable logistical hurdles to overcome if Todd Boehly’s All-Star plan is to be pursued, including but not limited to: when it would be played, where it would be played, who would be responsible for any injuries, why would players be willing to do it after a long season and how would you

ensure there would be competitiveness. Let us leave aside those problems, though, and briefly pretend it is logistically possible. It is a fun concept, after all, and one that would no doubt prompt debate and discussion. The North v South divide is straightforward enough:

the 10 most southerly teams against the 10 most northerly teams. In this Premier League season, that would make all the Midlands sides part of the North team. When it comes to player selection, it is clear such teams would be dominated by players from the top sides. Given their recent dominance,

Chelsea attracted to Mendes link-up

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somewhere to send their best young players not ready for the first team.

It is unclear whether Mendes is formally involved in Chelsea’s interest in Portugal, but there would be an obvious attraction to having one of the world’s biggest agents on

board and giving him another place to park his best young talents. It is understood Chelsea have also discussed opportunities in Belgium.

Chelsea’s next permanent sporting director would be heavily involved in the satellite-club expansion, which helps to explain why Red Bull Salzburg’s Christoph Freund is a leading candidate. Freund, who has held advanced talks with Chelsea, has worked in the Red Bull system for over a decade and would

offer expertise in how a multi-club system could be best utilised.

Salzburg and RB Leipzig both play in the Champions League, despite the affiliation between the clubs, which has encouraged Boehly that Chelsea could find a way of giving their young players top-level experience elsewhere in Europe.

Boehly said: “We’ve talked about having a multi-club model. I would love to continue to build out the footprint.”

superstars could look

South XI

NO RESTRICTIONS

Hugo Lloris
Tottenham

Reece James
Chelsea

C Romero
Tottenham

Thiago Silva
Chelsea

O Zinchenko
Arsenal

N'Golo Kante
Chelsea

Declan Rice
West Ham

Bukayo Saka
Arsenal

Martin Odegaard
Arsenal

Son Heung-min
Tottenham

Harry Kane
Tottenham

Substitutes

Edouard Mendy
Chelsea

Mason Mount
Chelsea

Ben White
Arsenal

Raheem Sterling
Chelsea

Ben Chilwell
Chelsea

Gabriel Jesus
Arsenal

Marc Guehi
Crystal Palace

Aleksandar Mitrovic
Fulham

Dejan Kulusevski
Tottenham

RESTRICTED - TWO PER TEAM

David Raya
Brentford

Reece James
Chelsea

C Romero
Tottenham

Lewis Dunk
Brighton

T Mitchell
Palace

James Ward-Prowse
Southampton

Declan Rice
West Ham

Bukayo Saka
Arsenal

Martin Odegaard
Arsenal

Raheem Sterling
Chelsea

Harry Kane
Tottenham

Substitutes

Robert Sanchez
Brighton

Philip Billing
Bournemouth

Kurt Zouma
West Ham

Wilfried Zaha
Palace


Lloyd Kelly
Bournemouth

Aleksandar Mitrovic
Fulham

Kyle Walker-Peters
Southampton

Ivan Toney
Brentford

Joao Palhinha
Fulham



Harry Kane

Harmison fears ECB snub over Hundred dig

Cricket

Former England fast bowler wants national selector job

Finn and Knight also thought to be leading candidates

By Jake Goodwill

Steve Harmison, the former England fast bowler, has declared his interest in becoming the national team's new selector, but fears his negative comments about the Hundred will hurt his chances of landing the role.

Earlier this month, Harmison said that the new format "hadn't worked" and questioned the quality of the tournament.

Speaking exclusively to the Vaughany and Tuffers Cricket Club podcast, the former Durham player confirmed his interest in becoming national selector while admitting fears that his outspoken comments could cost him the job with the England and Wales Cricket Board.

"I've applied for it once before," said Harmison. "But the way, I've been throwing hand grenades at the ECB over the Hundred, I'm not sure

I'd be welcome! I have not applied for it yet, but I am thinking hard about it. It is something that intrigues me."

Harmison, 43, believes his way of thinking suits England's new regime. "One of my best mates in the game is Rob Key. I have a huge amount of respect for what he has done and I'd love to work with this group. Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler, Brendon McCullum - I think they are going places. They are trying to save Test-match cricket by playing the way they are playing."

Harmison went on to state his reasons for wanting to apply for the role. "I can't throw stones at the ECB without being willing to try and help - and I am willing to try and

help shape the future of English cricket," he said.

"If it was under the last regime, I probably wouldn't apply because I don't think that way. I was not interested in going at two an over as a bowler, I was interested in wickets. That is what this group is about."

Harmison, who became the No1-ranked bowler in Test cricket in 2004, fears his close relationship with managing director Key and Test captain Stokes could hinder his chances as they could be seen to just be employing their friend. *Telegraph Sport* understands that former England players Steve Finn and Nick Knight are two other leading candidates for the role, which is being reintroduced after it was removed under Chris Silverwood.

Harmison believes the selector must defer to the coach and captain. "I think you need an extra pair of eyes, but the ultimate [decision] is with the captain and the coach. It is about looking at what is needed next. Working on a plan that is further down the line," said Harmison. "We need someone who stays in the background. In the past, we have had people trying to be in the foreground."

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Yorkshire to pay off Gale and Pyrah

By Ben Rumsby

Yorkshire have agreed to pay off sacked head coach Andrew Gale and bowling coach Richard Pyrah, avoiding a damaging public hearing into the racism scandal that has engulfed the club.

The county have ended their legal battle with the last of seven former staff members suing them over chairman Lord Patel's mass cull of coaching staff in December.

Leeds Employment Tribunal had been scheduled to hear unfair dismissal and other complaints at the end of next month but Yorkshire have now staved that off following a mediation hearing yesterday.

The club could still face action from Wayne Morton, their former head of sports science and medicine, who has been pursuing a legal case on behalf of himself and other sacked subcontracted staff.

Gale and Pyrah were the two highest-profile sackings, which came after Yorkshire paid off former spinner Azeem Rafiq to settle a lengthy legal battle over racist abuse there while he was a player.

Rafiq's two former coaches were among those charged this summer by the England and Wales Cricket Board over the scandal, with a Cricket Discipline Commission hearing scheduled next month to determine their fates.

Gale refused to attend the hearing

after denying "each and every" accusation and denouncing the ECB's "witch hunt". *Telegraph Sport* has been told Pyrah denies any wrongdoing.

Yorkshire had already paid off strength-and-conditioning coaches Ian Fisher and Peter Sim, second XI coach Ian Dews, academy director Richard Dams and head of human resources Liz Neto. All those sacked barring Neto had lost their jobs after signing a letter to the board lamenting Rafiq's "one-man mission to bring down the club".

Yorkshire ultimately admitted all unfair dismissal complaints lodged against them were "well founded" in consent judgments issued by Leeds Employment Tribunal.

Curran's maiden century lifts Surrey title charge

LV= County Championship

Surrey stepped up their title hunt at Northamptonshire as Tom Curran struck a maiden first-class century.

The all-rounder, in his first championship appearance for 3½ years, smashed 115 in 93 balls on a ground where his father, Kevin, enjoyed some of his best moments. He was well supported by Hashim Amla, the South African showing far greater patience in his 133 from 278 balls.

Second-placed Surrey were bowled out for 421, a first-innings lead of 82, before Northamptonshire slipped to 114 for four. But Luke

Procter (55) and Ricardo Vasconcelos (51 not out) helped the hosts end day three on 209 for five, a lead of 127, to frustrate Surrey's bid to make the most of their game in hand on leaders Hampshire.

Essex secured a thrilling one-wicket win over Yorkshire at Headingley, their sixth Division One victory of the campaign.

Yorkshire were bowled out for 252 in their second innings, as Matt Critchley took three for 59 and Jamie Porter four for 64.

That left Essex chasing 162, but they lost four wickets for 13 runs to crash to 64 for six. However, Shane

Snater's aggressive unbeaten 65 saw them home.

Somerset took control of their relegation battle with Warwickshire at Edgbaston. The visitors closed the third day on 277 for four - 300 ahead - as George Bartlett made an unbeaten 91 and captain Tom Abell compiled 87 from 173 balls.

In Division Two, England seamer Matty Potts recorded career-best figures as Durham chased a second win of the season at Leicestershire.

Potts took seven wickets for 49 on day three to finish with match figures of 13 for 101. Durham head into the final day needing 54 for victory.

a North XI, for example, would probably be entirely made up of Liverpool and Manchester City players.

Far more interesting is a North v South match with specific selection restrictions. At *Telegraph Sport*, we propose the following: there must be two players from each team in the region,

making a squad of 20 players (11 starters and nine substitutes, as it is in the Premier League).

With such restrictions, it becomes far more difficult to select teams. For the North side, for example, you cannot look beyond Manchester City's Erling Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne, but that

means there can be no other City players in the side.

This approach gives more opportunities to players outside the so-called Big Six. In our South side, Crystal Palace's Tyrick Mitchell is left-back and Southampton's James Ward-Prowse plays in midfield.

Sam Dean

My dilemma over bombshell clip of

In these extracts from his book 'A Very Tall Story', *Martin Bayfield* relives a wild trip to New Zealand and a spying mission on the Australians' camp

2011 World Cup

I was presented with the biggest dilemma I would face while reporting on England. The tournament quickly descended into a traumatic experience for Martin Johnson and his team in a campaign that was tainted by a string of off-field misdeeds. And I would find myself unwittingly at the centre of the biggest scandal of the lot. England struggled in their pool match victory against Argentina before travelling to the magnificent resort town of Queenstown for some rest and relaxation. As the team had an eight-day gap between matches, the players took full advantage of a night off. So did most of the media pack. But it was nothing like the hell that Mike Tindall and co found themselves in following an even bigger night on the tiles.

Some of the players had been pictured at a dwarf-tossing event in a backpackers' bar and video footage of a very drunk Tindall with a mysterious blonde was about to emerge. Not only would this plunge Johnson's squad into disarray, but it would also leave me facing a journalistic quandary.

As we jumped into our minibus, my mobile rang. "Is this Martin Bayfield?" said the caller. "We've got a video, mate. We've got a video of some of the England players doing stuff that they shouldn't have been doing." I quickly told our producer to pull over and the guy started to give me the details. Holy s---, I thought to myself. This is serious.

"We've got one of two options," I said. "We have either got the scoop of the tour and we go with it, but never get any assistance getting access to England players ever again. Or we phone up the England media team, tell them there's a s--- storm coming their way, give them the number of this guy and tell them: 'It's over to you.'"

It didn't take us long to work out that the second option was the path we were going to go down.

Another incident soon followed that also rocked the RFU. The England players had a day off and 11 of them took part in a Land Rover sponsors' day. The players assumed it would be a fun afternoon driving along on Muriwai Beach near Auckland. For Land Rover, it was an opportunity to film a promotional shoot, which involved driving at 20 miles per hour along a beach.

It's safe to say the players were not amused. I had first-hand experience of that because I was in one with my producer and a cameraman, with James Haskell driving.

Haskell decided to put his foot down, literally, and there were a few tasty exchanges between the players on the radios. Land Rover lodged an official complaint and the details came out when the post-World Cup review was leaked.

What didn't come out, however, was the fact that Haskell ended up being stranded on the beach. He'd

just finished doing an interview with us and, when we looked around, all the cars had gone. We were in the middle of nowhere, with no taxis around and not even a phone signal.

We eventually flagged down a farmer's truck and asked him to drive us to the top of a nearby hill so we could get reception. "You might want to do a head count," I told the RFU press guy. "You're a man down." It would be almost two hours before a taxi turned up. Haskell had every right to lose his s--- in that moment, but despite the frustrations of the afternoon, he was great fun.

1995 World Cup

For all our talent and experience, it now seems unforgivable to think that we were undone by our lack of preparation and planning. These were the last days of the amateur era after all, and we did not disappoint.

Before we had even left for South Africa, the squad had been plunged into turmoil when, just 10 days before the start of the tournament, Will Carling was stripped of the captaincy after his infamous "57 old farts" jibe. It had been a throwaway comment that had been picked up on a microphone after an interview with Greg Dyke. A couple of days after the broadcast, we were at Twickenham on a baking hot day in May to watch the Pilkington Cup final as Bath thrashed Wasps when we were told that Will had been stripped of the captaincy.

You couldn't make it up. The players got together to hold an impromptu meeting to discuss our reaction and it was decided that we would tell the RFU that Will was our captain and no one else was going to accept the captaincy.

The message was relayed to the RFU's president, Dennis Easby, via the late Terry Cooper, who at the time was rugby correspondent of the Press Association. After Will apologised, Easby was able to turn the committee around and Will was reinstated a few days before we left for South Africa.

Our opening to the tournament was hardly convincing, scraping past Italy and Argentina before a reasonable win over Samoa. But by the time we reached the quarter-finals to face Australia, there was a growing sense that momentum was building, helped in part by some dastardly espionage.

Someone came up with a masterplan to dress up our sports psychologist, Austin Swain, as a backpacker and sneak him into the Wallabies' training session. His instruction was simply to get us any information that he could. The smallest nugget would have done, but instead he came back with a treasure chest overflowing with stolen intellectual property.

We listened with laughter as he recounted his James Bond-style mission. When he rocked up at the

Eye of the storms: England controversies and tough Lions tour



<2011 Rugby World Cup

The England team are welcomed to New Zealand for the World Cup but Mike Tindall is soon embroiled in controversy

'Old Farts' >

Fan power sees Will Carling reinstated as England captain ahead of the 1995 World Cup after he calls the Rugby Football Union hierarchy '57 old farts'

1993 British Lions tour >

The Lions walk to a training session in full kit and on the pitch Martin Bayfield (with the head band) is in the thick of the action with Martin Johnson. Hosts New Zealand won the Test series 2-1



stadium, the groundsman thought he was a tourist. When the Australia players and coaches arrived, they thought he was a friend of the groundsman. Swain could not believe his luck and kept the deception going brilliantly. He ended up watching the entire Wallabies training session while drinking beers out of their cool box. He eventually slipped away with every single move the Australians used.

Swain had been a decent rugby player himself and was also a coach, so he knew what he was looking for. He wasn't able to pick up their calls, but memorised everything else. I remember Jack Rowell asking him to stand in front of us all and tell us everything he could remember. Almost an hour later, we were sitting there with our jaws on the floor. "Wow, you really did watch the whole training session!" His reward? A new nickname. From

now on, he was known as "Neidermeyer", as in sneaky little s---, from the film *Animal House*.

1993 Lions

Any rugby aficionado will tell you, the two most memorable speeches in the history of the British and Irish Lions came on the 1997 tour of South Africa.

The first was the "This is your Everest, boys" rallying call by Jim Telfer, the Lions forwards coach, to his pack ahead of the first Test victory. The second was delivered by Ian McGeechan in the build-up to the series-clinching 18-15 second Test victory in Durban.

"There are days like this that many rugby players never have, they never experience it," Geech tells a rather anxious-looking squad. "It's been a privilege, it is a privilege, because we're something special. Because you'll meet each other

in the street in 30 years' time and there'll just be a look. And you'll know just how special some days in your life are."

Well, I hate to break it to you Geech, but as Lawrence Dallaglio later pointed out, this is actually a load of old cobbles. Do you know what happens when, 30 years later, I meet up with a former team-mate from the 1993 Lions tour of New Zealand? We look at each other and snigger like naughty schoolboys: "Do you remember '93?" we snort. "Christ, how on earth did we get away with it?"

It saddens me that the 1993 tour has, to some extent, become the forgotten Lions tour. The tour has tended to be defined by a split between the Test team and the mid-week side, a corrosiveness that would slowly eat away at our spirit and resistance, and eventually bring about our downfall just when



Tindall's mystery lady



we had the All Blacks there for the taking.

But for all the problems that we had to overcome, the tour was wonderfully chaotic.

In truth, I still have no idea how we got to the end of the tour, given the amount of drinking and partying that went on. It was crazy. We partied too hard and there was always something going on wherever we went. There were times when we probably lost focus about why we were actually there. Yes, there was too much drinking, too much horsing around. But it was so much fun. And, despite everything, we nearly won.

It's true that there was this feeling of a split within the squad. Yet there was one issue that united us all, including the coaches and management: the shambolic treatment of Wade Dooley after he learned the devastating news that his father,

Geoff, had suffered a heart attack and died.

Understandably, Wade decided to return to the UK to be with his family and attend his father's funeral.

To lose such an experienced figure was a major blow for a touring party that was already starting to become blighted by strained relations in the camp. It almost led to a mini-revolt by the squad against the Lions administrators.

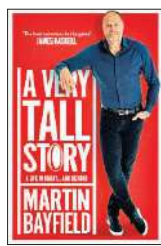
Dooley's replacement, Martin Johnson, who was flown in from Canada, where he was on tour with England, proved to be an outstanding substitute and ended up starting the second and third Tests, which no doubt further exacerbated the divide between the Test team and the midweek dirt-trackers.

But the issue would escalate further. The problem was that we all expected that Wade, who at 35 had been due to retire at the end of the

tour, would be allowed to return after the funeral.

The New Zealand Rugby Union confirmed it was happy for him to do so, but the Lions blazers insisted the squad could not exceed the original size of 30. Wade was told that if he returned to New Zealand, he would not be able to play again under the terms of the tour agreement. It was a decision that lacked any sense of empathy. Sadly, the great man never played rugby again. He deserved so much better.

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England set sail for World Cup with record 25th victory

England	73-7	Wales
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By Fiona Tomas
at Ashton Gate

England concluded their preparations for next month's World Cup in history-making style, chalking up their 25th consecutive Test win.

The Red Roses again underlined why they are strong favourites to lift the trophy in New Zealand with an 11-try rout on a night when players had their last chance to put their hands up for a place in Simon Middleton's 32-player squad.

Despite the yawning gap that continues to exist between these two nations, this was also the first time England had come up against a fully professional Wales, whose union increased support for the women's side in World Cup year.

Ioan Cunningham's side showed signs of intent when Gwen Crabb powered over from a maul to cancel out Helena Rowland's opener, but the hosts were ultimately a class above in every facet, dominating the set-piece and winning the territorial battle.

Here is what we learned in the Red Roses' last dance before departing for New Zealand.

full-back – such is her versatility and running ability.

England leave no stone unturned
Middleton made the extraordinary decision shortly after the 70-minute mark to take off Rowland having already emptied his bench, seemingly curious as to how his side would fare with a player down in the dying stages. It was also a chance to see if Holly Aitchison could cope as an isolated fly-half and served as a reminder that England are preparing for all eventualities.

Who missed their chance?
It was a big night for young scrum-half Lucy Packer and although the Harlequins player distributed well, she did not make a strong enough case to make the plane. That she was replaced by Claudia Macdonald shortly after the break suggests Middleton wanted to see more of the Exeter Chief following her two-try performance on the wing against the USA in the previous warm-up game, having had a lengthy time out last season with injury.

Scarratt can kick England to glory
We knew she was good, but Emily Scarratt is in fact great. The former world player of the year enjoyed a near flawless night from the tee and scored 20 points. England do not possess a left-footed kicker, but that will be of little concern for a team who dominate teams territorially.

Scores 5-0 Rowland try, 7-0 Scarratt con, 7-5 Crabb try, 7-7 Snowsill con, 12-7 Scarratt try, 14-7 Scarratt con, 19-7 Packer try, 21-7 Scarratt con, 28-7 penalty try, 33-7 Kildunne try, 38-7 Cokayne try, 40-7 Scarratt con, 45-7 Rowland try, 50-7 Scarratt try, 52-7 Scarratt con, 57-7 Rowland try, 59-7 Rowland con, 64-7 Botterman try, 66-7 Rowland con, 71-7 Aldcroft try, 73-7 Reed con.

England E Kildunne; L Thompson, E Scarratt (H Aitchison 55), H Rowland, S McKenna; Z Harrison (A Reed 55), L Packer (C Macdonald 55); V Cornborough (H Botterman 55), L Davies (A Cokayne 36), S Bern (M Muir 55), Z Aldcroft, A Ward, A Matthews, M Packer (S Beckett 55), S Hunter (P Cleall 55).

Wales N Terry (M Webb 58); L Norkett, C Williams-Morris, H Jones, J Joyce; E Snowsill (L George 52), Ffion Lewis (K Bevan 40); G Pyrs (C Thomas 40), C Phillips (K Jones 58), C Hale (S Tuipulotu 52), N John (S Lillcrap 40), G Crabb, A Butchers, A Callender, S Harries (B Lewis 52). **Sin-bin** Callender (26-36).

Referee Aurelie Groizeleau. **Att** 11,691.

Rowland starts at World Cup
She went off in tears at Sandy Park last week after she came on as a replacement and was sin-binned, but Rowland need not worry. She bossed last night's game with a phenomenal, three-try performance at inside centre. Middleton has chewed this position over a lot – but Rowland's twinkle toes surely nudged her past Tatyana Heard and Amber Reed. The 22-year-old was a constant attacking threat, skipping her way through a gap to score England's first try. She underlined her raw pace when she left Welsh speedster Jasmine Joyce behind her en route to a disallowed try. Zoe Harrison had a mixed night at fly-half, but Rowland could easily slot into that position too – or even at

Warriors miss deadline to pay medics

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facing the prospect of forfeiting the match. Steve Diamond, the Worcester director of rugby, admitted that Tuesday's announcement by owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham that terms for the sale of the club had been agreed was "slightly vague", adding that without suppliers in place the game was unlikely.

"If people and suppliers aren't paid then I don't think, logistically, the game can go on," Diamond said. "Because of the very delicate financial position, I don't think anyone's going to drop stuff off, do you? Without being paid first. That will be a sign that the game's on, if we see a few Ocado wagons driving in."

Diamond said he did not know the identities of the new owners or whether he would be employed. "These people have got to deliver and they're in the last throes of that. If it's a cock-and-bull story, then it'll be out in the wash this weekend as we won't be playing."

Worcester said last night they were still awaiting final sign-off of the terms of the sale, while working with Premiership Rugby, the Rugby Football Union and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to ensure the men's and women's fixtures this weekend could go ahead. The squad were told of the sale agreement on Monday, with the lack of progress since leading to increased concerns.

Norrie hits back to level Davis Cup tie

British No2 defeats US's Fritz after being blitzed in first set

Evans edged out in opener by Paul in 'sombre' atmosphere

By Molly McElwee
at the Emirates Arena

Winning feeling: Cameron Norrie celebrates his victory against Taylor Fritz

Murray the responsibility of rescuing his team's fortunes for the ump-teenth time in his career, as he and Joe Salisbury took the reins in the deciding doubles rubber.

Though the home atmosphere at Glasgow's Emirates Arena was still lively and partisan at times, Evans, 32, admitted it felt rightly more "sombre" than usual due to efforts made to mark Queen Elizabeth II's death.

A minute's silence as well as a bagpipe rendition of *Flowers of the Forest* preceded play, and the customary loud music usually used to gee up the crowd was dropped out of respect, too. It made for a more muted atmosphere early on, and Norrie agreed it felt "dull" at times during his own thriller.

The Glaswegian fans were denied



the chance to watch homegrown Murray in singles, but that selection decision ended up giving him and top-ranked doubles talent Salisbury the decisive rubber of the day against Salisbury's usual partner, Rajeev Ram, and Jack Sock.

On paper, British team captain Leon Smith's decision was the right one by ranking in singles but still felt noteworthy considering the leading role Murray has so often played for the British team – including lifting the trophy in 2015.

There was talk before the match about the selection headaches Smith would face this week, as Murray – who was making his first Davis Cup appearance since 2019 – called this roster the “best” British team he had ever been a part of.

But Evans – who is the British No2 at 25th, to Murray's 43rd – did not see it as much of a debate.

“I found out, actually, days ago. I wasn't surprised when I was playing, I thought that's what the team would have been – definitely the singles.

“It can change [for the next matches]. I think now there will be a discussion. Obviously there's more permutations after you see what happens on the first day.”

Evans was willed on during long, dynamic rallies on the notably slow

Raducanu on the rise

Emma Raducanu will continue her quest to climb back up the rankings today, as she takes on Germany's Anna-Lena Friedsam for a place in the quarter-finals of the Slovenia Open.

Raducanu, 19, fell to 83rd in the world after her first-round loss at the US Open but beating Dayana Yastremska on Monday has already ensured she will leap back into the top 75.

Picking up another win will keep her on track for a positive start to life after relinquishing her New York crown.

indoor courts, against world No29 Paul, and despite launching a second-set comeback, was edged out 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

With more on the line, the atmosphere was notably lifted during team-mate and British No1 Norrie's rubber against 12th-ranked Fritz. Norrie's roots run deep in Glasgow, as his father grew up here before emigrating to South Africa and then New Zealand, but he started remarkably slowly on home turf.

He was blitzed 6-2 in the first set but managed to eke out the second set in a tie-break, before getting the decisive late breaks in the final set when Fritz tightened up. Norrie served for it at 5-4, but was broken by Fritz before finally clinching the victory at the second attempt 2-6, 7-6, 7-5.

“I think the more the pressure, the more I was backed into a corner, the better I actually played today,” Norrie said, before dashing out of his press conference to catch the doubles, where Murray and Salisbury had it all to play for.

Though an overall loss against a strong US team would not be disastrous, it would make Britain's tie tomorrow against the Netherlands a must-win if they want a chance of progressing to the knockout stages in November.

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McIlroy: Time to rebuild Europe

By James Corrigan
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Rory McIlroy had a dinner date with Europe Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald in Rome last night to plot how to move on from the LIV defectors the world No2 claims were only “filling out the team” in last year's record defeat.

McIlroy is playing in today's opening round of the Italian Open for the first time in his pro career, in order to check out the layout for next year's match.

But in the conversation with Donald, not only was course set-up on the agenda – and unashamedly how to “trick up” the Marco Simone

Country Club to favour the home side – but also the youngsters McIlroy believes are vital for Europe in the future. He suggested that the LIV exodus of Europe's golden oldies could be a positive.

“We were in need of a rebuild, anyway,” he said. “We did well with the same guys for a very long tim, but everything comes to an end and I think Whistling Straits was a good sort of demarcation to say ‘that's all behind us’. Luke's got his thoughts and ideas and plans and I think it is the right time to start to look towards the future.

“We have got a core group of guys, but let's build on that again and instead of filling

those three or four spots with veterans, let's blood some rookies.”

That “core group” presumably comprises McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Viktor Hovland, Matt Fitzpatrick, Shane Lowry, Tyrrell Hatton and Tommy Fleetwood, while Thomas Pieters, a record-breaking debutant in 2016 but who has not appeared again since, could also be included.

McIlroy was also delighted to see Francesco Molinari come back to form last week with a top-10. “Having an Italian in the team would be huge,” said McIlroy, who played with Molinari in the final round at Wentworth as he, himself, finished in a tie for second behind Lowry.

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Cricket
LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE
Headingley: Yorkshire 134 (52.2 overs) and 252 (77.4 overs; B O Coad 69; F J Bean 53; J A Porter 4-64); **Essex** 225 (73.2 overs; D W Lawrence 61) and 162-9 (48.1 overs; S Snater 65no; S A Patterson 5-46). **Essex (20pts) beat Yorkshire (3pts) by one wicket.**
Northampton: Northamptonshire 339 (89.1 overs; E N Gay 145; R I Keogh 123; K A J Roach 5-95) and 209-5 (65 overs; L Procter 55; R Vasconcelos 51no); **Surrey** 421 (104.3 overs; H M Amla 133; T K Curran 115; R I Keogh 4-51).
Edgbaston: Somerset 219 (65.4 overs; L Gregory 60; Sajid Khan 53no; Mohammed Siraj 5-82) and 277-4 (109 overs; G A Bartlett 91no; T B Abell 87); **Warwickshire** 196 (81.2 overs; S R Hain 67; J A Brooks 4-40).

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Ded	Pts
Hampshire	12	9	2	1	34	33	2	217
Surrey	11	7	0	4	39	26	0	209
Lancashire	12	5	1	6	27	33	6	182
Essex	12	6	2	4	22	28	0	178
Northants	11	2	3	6	26	27	0	133
Yorkshire	12	1	4	7	33	29	2	132
Kent	12	2	5	5	25	21	3	115
Somerset	11	2	5	4	23	24	0	111
Warwickshire	11	1	5	5	22	27	1	104
Gloucestershire	12	0	8	4	24	23	5	74

*not including games in progress

DIVISION TWO
Grace Road: Leicestershire 202 (56 overs; S Budinger 64; M J Potts 6-52) and 198 (63.5 overs; L Kimber 75; M J Potts 7-49); **Durham** 296 (91 overs; M A Jones 97; N J Maddinson 56) and 51-2 (15 overs).
Lord's: Glamorgan 214 (54.1 overs; C B Cooke 52; R F Higgins 4-59) and 191-8 (68 overs; D L Lloyd 70); **Middlesex** 390 (112.1 overs; M D Stoneman 128; J A Simpson 76; L B K Hollman 58; J A R Harris 5-90).

Hove: Sussex 220 (59.2 overs; J J Carson 58; J M Coles 54; F J Hudson-Prentice 51; J Leach 4-37) and 39-1 (10 overs); **Worcestershire** 438-5dec. (100 overs; J D Libby 215; E J Pollock 98).

Squash
OPEN DE FRANCE (Nantes). -Qtr-finals, Men: (1) **M El Shorbagy** (Egypt) bt D James (England) 11-8 11-9; (3) **S Ghosal** (India) bt (6) I Pajares (Spain) 11-4 16-14. **Women:** (2) **T Gilis** (Belgium) bt (7) N Bunyan (Canada) 11-6 11-7; **F Aboulkheir** (Egypt) bt N Aboulmakarim (Egypt) 11-8 12-10 11-5.

Tennis
DAVIS CUP FINALS GROUP STAGE
Gp A (Bologna).-Italy v Croatia: **L Musetti** (Italy) bt B Gojo (Croatia) 6-4 6-2; **M Berrettini** (Italy) bt B Coric (Croatia) 6-7 (4) 6-2 6-1. **Doubles:** **S Bolelli** & F Fognini (Italy) bt N Mektic & M Pavic (Croatia) 3-6 7-5 7-6 (7-3).
Gp B (Valencia).-Spain v Serbia: **A Ramos-Vinolas** (Spain) bt D Djere (Serbia) 2-6 7-6 (7-5) 7-5; **R Bautista Agut** (Spain) bt M Kecmanovic (Serbia) 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-5).

Gp C (Hamburg).-Germany v France: **J Struff** (Germany) bt B Bonzi (France) 6-4 2-6 7-5; **A Mannarino** (France) bt O Otte (Germany) 6-4 6-3; **K Krawietz** & T Puetz (Germany) bt N Mahut & A Rinderknech (France) 6-2 3-6 7-6 (7-1).
Gp D (Glasgow).-GB v US: **T Paul** (US) bt D Evans (GB) 6-4 4-6 6-4; **C Norrie** (GB) bt T H Fritz (US) 6-2 7-6 (7-2) 7-5.

Fixtures Kick-off 7.45 unless stated
EUROPA LEAGUE GROUP A
Roma v HJK (8)
GROUP B
Dynamo Kiev v AEK Larnaca (8)
Rennes v Fenerbahce (8)
GROUP C
Real Betis v Ludogorets (8)
Braga v Union Berlin (8)
Group E
Real Sociedad v Omonia Nicosia (5.45)
Sheriff v Man Utd (5.45)
GROUP F
Midtjylland v Lazio (5.45)
Feyenoord v Sturm Graz (5.45)

GROUP G
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Olympiakos v Freiburg (5.45)
GROUP H
Monaco v Ferencvaros (5.45)
Trabzonspor v Red Star Belgrade (5.45)
EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE GROUP A
Istanbul Basaksehir v Fiorentina (8)
Rigas FS v Hearts (8)
GROUP B
FCSB v Anderlecht (8)
Silkeborg v West Ham (8)
GROUP F
Djurgarden v Molde (5.45)
Gent v Shamrock Rovers (5.45)
Cricket
LV COUNTY CH'SHIP (day 4 of 4).-**Division One:** Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey (10.30); **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire v Somerset (10.30). **Division Two: Grace Road:** Leicestershire v Durham (10.30); **Lord's:** Middlesex v Glamorgan (10.30); **Hove:** Sussex v Worcestershire (10.30).
3RD WOMEN'S TWENTY20 INT'NAL.-Bristol: England v India (6.30).

Rugby Union
THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP: Australia v New Zealand (10.45).
Sport on TV
CRICKET: Women's T20 international, England v India - Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Cricket 6pm.
CYCLING: Tour of Luxembourg - Eurosport 1 1pm; Tour of Slovakia - Eurosport 1 3pm; Coppa Sabatini - Eurosport 1 4.30.
FOOTBALL: Europa League, Sheriff Tiraspol v Manchester United - BT Sport 2 5.15, Roma v HJK Helsinki - BT Sport 4 7.45; Conference League, Gent v Shamrock Rovers - BT Sport 4 5.30, RFS v Hearts - BT Sport 3 7.30, Silkeborg IF v West Ham - BT Sport 2 7.45.
GOLF: DP World Tour, Italian Open - Sky Sports Golf 12.30, Sky Sports Main Event 12.40; PGA Tour, Fortinet Championship - Sky Sports Golf 5.30, Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Golf 11pm; LPGA Tour, AmazingCre Portland Classic - Sky Sports Mix and Sky Sports Main Event 8pm.
RUGBY UNION: Championship, Australia v New Zealand - Sky Sports Arena and Sky Sports Main Event 10.40.

Racecards and results

Ayr

Marlborough	
1.20 - Baltic Voyage	3.35 - Misty Dancer (nap)
1.50 - Hi Royal	4.10 - Asdaa
2.25 - Burj Malinka	4.45 - Golden Sands
3.00 - Al Mubhir	5.20 - Monhammer

Going: Good to soft-good in places **TV:** Racing TV
Draw: A middle to high draw is an advantage in sprint races, low numbers favoured on the ground course.

[B] Blinkers [V] Visor [E] Eyeshield [T] Tongue Strap [P] Cheekpieces

1.20 British Stallion Studs EBF Novice Stakes (4) 2m 7f £7,020
1 6 **Arkenstaar** (21) M Dods 9 7 **B Curtis** 12
2 04 **Baltic Voyage** (27) R Beckett 9 7 **R Hornby** 9
3 **Beyond Reproach** (39) R Fahey 9 7 **C Lee** 11
4 57 **Chuzzlewit** (27) K Ryan 9 7 **K Stott** 4
5 **Hills Of Gold** M Dods 9 7 **G Lee** 3
6 5 **Knights Spear** (18) T Easterby 9 7 **D Allan** 7
7 **Master Sheridan** M & D Easterby 9 7 **Joanna Mason** 2
8 5 **Time Traveller** (39) R Fahey 9 7 **Olisn Orr** 10
9 **Tipp Town** J J Quinn 9 7 **J Hart** 14
10 7 **Two Rivers** (27) K Dalgleish 9 7 **C Rodriguez** 6
11 84 **Vortigan** (12) M Dods 9 7 **C Beasley** 5
12 **Youm Saed** K Ryan 9 7 **S Gray** 13
13 60 **Penelope's Sister** (21) J Goldie 9 2 **G Downing** 8
14 **Rutherglen Rose** K Dalgleish 9 2 **B Garrity** 11
S.P. f'cast: 15-8 Baltic Voyage, 2-1 Chuzzlewit, 13-2 Time Traveller, 10-1 Youm Saed, 12-1 Vortigan, Beyond Reproach, 16-1 Others.

1.50 Phoenix Wealth Solutions EBF Novice Stks (5) 2m 1m £4,123
1 **American Oak** T Easterby 9 7 **D Allan** 6
2 **Artisan Dancer** (20) C & M Johnston 9 7 **J Hart** 8
3 **Boy Douglas** (33) M Dods 9 7 **C Beasley** 10
4 44 **Cynical** (27) K Ryan 9 7 **S Gray** 2
5 **Design** [T]K R Burke 9 7 **C Lee** 4
6 **Epونا Pas** (78) J Goldie 9 7 **G Downing** 9
7 3 **Hi Royal** (27) K Ryan 9 7 **K Stott** 7
8 **Power Of Gold** H Palmer 9 7 **T Marquand** 1
9 4 **Reidh** (34) R Fahey 9 7 **Olisn Orr** 5
10 6 **Lovely Lady** (16) K Dalgleish 9 2 **C Rodriguez** 3
S.P. f'cast: Evens Hi Royal, 5-1 Reidh, 6-1 Power Of Gold, 13-2 Design, 10-1 Cynical, 16-1 Artisan Dancer, 20-1 Others.

2.25 BrandingHub For Signs & Graphics Hcap (5) 5f £3,996
1 613 **Burj Malinka** [P](20) (D) (BF) Adrian Nicholls 4 9 13 **B McHugh** 8
2 092 **Never Dark** [P](7) (D) J Jardine 5 9 13 **D Tudhope** 3
3 863 **Prospect** [P] (9) P Midgley 4 9 12 **G Lee** 21
4 043 **Claim The Stars** [T](90) T Easterby 3 9 11 **D Fentiman** 6
5 193 **Refuge** [T](9) (D) M & D Easterby 5 9 10 **C Beasley** 9
6 0-4 **Triple Jay** [H,P](19) (D) M & D Easterby 4 9 9 **D Allan** 12
7 657 **Lady Lade** (40) (D) K Dalgleish 3 9 9 **B Garrity** 10
8 133 **Little Muddy** (7) (C)(D) (BF) S Spencer 6 9 9 **D Swift** 5
9 275 **Lady Celia** (10) (D) R Fahey 5 9 7 **Olisn Orr** 17
10507 **Gowanlad** [P](17) (D) P Kirby 5 9 7 **Ryan Sexton** (5) 1
1159 **Latin Five** (16) (D) P Midgley 5 9 6 **J Hart** 11
12394 **Yazaman** (20) (D) K Ryan 4 9 6 **K Stott** 18
13578 **Hot Digitty Dog** [V](66) K Dalgleish 3 9 6 **C Rodriguez** 16
14219 **Sixcor** [P](14) (CD) Miss L Perratt 4 9 4 **H Russell** (3) 19
15264 **Ustath** (15) (D) R Fell 6 9 0 **B Curtis** 13
16543 **Tanasoq** (22) (CD)(D) J Goldie 9 8 13 **Shannon Watts** (7) 2
17035 **Eternal Halo** (40) (D) K Dalgleish 3 8 13 **S Gray** 15
18744 **Benito Cavallo** (22) J Goldie 3 8 10 **G Downing** 20
19595 **Kranon Power** (20) J Goldie 4 8 10 **Amie Waugh** (5) 7
20876 **The Gloaming** (79) (D) J Jardine 4 8 7 **R Scott** 14
21001 **Burtonlodge Beauty** [P](20) (D) Miss L Perratt 3 8 7 **Joanna Mason** 22
22897 **Nodsasgoodasawink** [P](20) Miss L Perratt 4 8 7 **W Pyle** (7) 4

S.P. f'cast: 11-2 Burj Malinka, 6-1 Never Dark, 1-1 Little Muddy, 10-1 Ustath, Prospect, 12-1 Burtonlodge Beauty, 7-1 Others.

3.00 Virgin Bet Kilkerran Cup Handicap (2) 1m 2f £15,462
1 021 **What's The Story** [P](14) (CD) K Dalgleish 8 10 0 **K Stott** 1
2 239 **Revich** [V](28) (C) R Spencer 6 10 0 **D Tudhope** 2
3 037 **Chichester** [V](26) (CD) K Dalgleish 5 9 13 **C Rodriguez** 7
4 127 **Sir Chauvelin** (4) (C) J Goldie 10 9 12 **G Downing** 6
5 644 **Daylaq** (8) Ewan Whillans 6 9 6 **R Scott** 10
6 470 **Fishable** [P,T](20) (D) T Easterby 5 9 5 **D Allan** 12
7 -04 **Yorkshire Lady** (27) (D) M & D Easterby 4 9 5 **Joanna Mason** 9
8 041 **Love Is Golden** [P](14) C & M Johnston 4 9 4 **C Beasley** 4
9 442 **Al Mubhir** [T](18) W Haggas 3 9 4 **T Marquand** 13
10580 **Mr Alan** [P](26) (C) G Boughiey 3 9 3 **C Lee** 5
11784 **Cockalorum** (14) (D) R Fell 7 9 2 **B Curtis** 14
12540 **Yorkshire Red** (47) (D) R Fahey 8 9 2 **Olisn Orr** 11
13136 **Tilsit** [P,T](20) (CD)(C)(D) R M Smith 5 9 1 **R Hornby** 3
14473 **First Impression** (11) (CD)(C)(D) J J Quinn 5 9 0 **J Hart** 8

3.35 EBF Fillies' Handicap (4) 1m 2f £8,856
1 684 **The Flying Ginge** [P](11) (D) R Fell 4 9 11 **B Curtis** 2
2 421 **Misty Dancer** (20) (D) S & E Crisford 3 9 9 **R Hornby** 9
3 731 **Golden Melody** (12) (D) T Easterby 4 9 9 **D Allan** 1
4 212 **Dungar Glory** (12) A Keatley 3 9 8 **Ryan Sexton** (5) 7
5 321 **Remembering** [H](31) W Haggas 3 9 8 **T Marquand** 4
6 442 **Smiling Jayne** (20) (D) D O'Meara 3 9 6 **D Tudhope** 10
7 525 **My Little Queens** (21) (CD)(D) R Fahey 4 9 5 **Olisn Orr** 6
8 574 **Bollin Margaret** [P](13) (CD)(D) T Easterby 5 9 3 **D Fentiman** 4

9 255 **Celestial Star** (27) K Dalgleish 3 8 11 **G Lee** 11
10397 **Cosa Sara** (10) (C) J Goldie 4 8 9 **Amie Waugh** (5) 3
3 11735 **Give Grace** (33) J Iardine 3 8 4 **S Gray** 8
S.P. f'cast: 9-4 Remembering, 9-2 Misty Dancer, 6-1 Golden Melody, 8-1 Dungar Glory, 10-1 My Little Queens, Smiling Jayne, 12-1 The Flying Ginge, Bollin Margaret, 16-1 Others.
4.10 Signsafe Traffic Handicap (Div 1) (5) 1m £3,996
1 085 **Professional Widow** [P](25) (D) R Spencer 4 10 1 **D Tudhope** 1
2 750 **Dulla Bhatti** [P](11) M Dods 4 9 12 **C Beasley** 6
3 600 **Cassy O** [B](19) (CD)(C)(D) T Easterby 5 9 12 **D Allan** 5
4 614 **Asdaa** [P](39) (D) C & M Johnston 6 9 10 **J Hart** 4
5 748 **Parys Mountain** [H,T](3) (D) T Easterby 8 9 9 **Brandon Wilkie** (7) 9
6 076 **Cisco Disco** [V](42) R Fahey 4 9 8 **Olisn Orr** 7
7 980 **Tommy G** (7) (CD)(C)(D) T Easterby 5 9 6 **T Marquand** 10
8 16 **Wetover Next** [T](143) A Keatley 3 9 6 **Ryan Sexton** (5) 8
9 224 **Red Astaire** (10) T Easterby 3 9 1 **D Fentiman** 3
10-83 **Sun Hill** (20) M & D Easterby 3 8 7 **Joanna Mason** 2
S.P. f'cast: 9-2 Sun Hill, 6-1 Professional Widow, 7-1 Red Astaire, Asdaa, Cassy O, 8-1 Tommy G, Cisco Disco, Diver Next, 10-1 Others.

4.45 Signsafe Traffic Handicap (Div 2) (5) 1m £3,996
1 104 **A Boy Named Ivy** (40) (C)(D) M Dods 4 10 1 **C Beasley** 9
2 396 **Golden Sands** (47) C & M Johnston 3 9 10 **J Hart** 8
3 545 **End Zone** (21) (D) R Fell 5 9 10 **B Curtis** 1
4 547 **Devilwala** [P](13) T Easterby 4 9 9 **Olisn Orr** 6
5 665 **Eshtora** (97) S & E Crisford 3 9 8 **T Marquand** 5
6 131 **Shimmering Sands** (28) M & D Easterby 3 9 6 **S Gray** 10
7 956 **Basfulf** [P](12) J Jardine 4 9 6 **C Lee** 4
8 738 **Motatarjel** [P](16) (D) T Easterby 5 9 2 **D Fentiman** 3
9 120 **Chinese Spirit** (16) (CD)(C)(D) (BF) Miss L Perratt 8 9 9 **G Lee** 2
10584 **Mac Ailley** [B](15) (D) T Easterby 6 8 9 **D Allan** 7

S.P. f'cast: 9-4 Shimmering Sands, 3-1 A Boy Named Ivy, 8-1 Eshtora, End Zone, 10-1 Devilwala, 12-1 Golden Sands, Mac Ailley, Motatarjel, 14-1 Others.

5.20 Virgin Bet Handicap (6) 7f £3,456
1 632 **Global Humor** [B](9) (CD)(D) J Goldie 7 9 13 **T Marquand** 10
2 707 **Hajjam** [T](3) (CD)(C)(D) Liam Bailey 8 9 13 **B Curtis** 4
3 455 **Flying Pursuit** [P](29) (BF) K Dalgleish 9 9 11 **D Allan** 9
4 583 **Novak** (13) (D) J Jardine 3 9 10 **Ryan Sexton** (5) 5
5 122 **Monhammer** (21) (D) (BF) Miss L Perratt 4 9 9 **H Russell** (3) 1
6 106 **Far From A Ruby** (12) (C) K Stott 5 9 9 **B Garrity** 14
7 722 **Timbukone** [V](29) (BF) K Dalgleish 3 9 9 **C Rodriguez** 2
8 687 **Turbo Command** [V](15) (D) Mrs A C Hamilton 5 9 9 **G Lee** 12
9 319 **Emerald Lady** (27) (D) K R Burke 3 9 7 **P-L Jamin** (3) 8
10570 **Min Tilt** (9) M & D Easterby 3 9 6 **C Beasley** 6
11-46 **Superstar DJ** (103) R Spencer 3 9 5 **K Stott** 7
12344 **Rum Going On** [P](20) (D) (BF) J J Quinn 3 9 3 **J Hart** 13
13774 **Mick McHugh** [T,V](20) (D) O'Meara 3 9 1 **D Tudhope** 11
14446 **One More Try** [P](17) R Fahey 3 9 0 **Olisn Orr** 3
S.P. f'cast: 9-2 Monhammer, 5-1 Timbukone, 7-1 Rum Going On, 8-1 Global Humor, Emerald Lady, 10-1 Flying Pursuit, Far From A Ruby, 12-1 Mick McHugh, Novak, One More Try, 14-1 Others.

Newcastle Jackpot Card

Marlborough		
5.45 - Postmark		
6.15 - Eetee	7.45 - Yacowief	
6.45 - Galiac	8.15 - Badri	
7.15 - Out From Under	8.45 - Faustus	

Going: Standard **TV:** ITV4 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 & 8.45 / Sky Sports Racing
Draw: High numbers have a slight advantage over 5f.
[B] Blinkers [V] Visor [E] Eyeshield [T] Tongue Strap [P] Cheekpieces

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5.45 Racing League Race Thirty-Six (Hcap) (3) 1m 4f £25,770
1 142 **Fair Star** [P](35) B Ellison 6 9 12 **B Robinson** 3
2 611 **Scampi** [H](42) (D) A Balding 4 9 9 **S M Levey** 11
3 024 **Vindolanda** (26) (D) C Hills 6 9 7 **D Muscett** 5
4 222 **Trinity Girl** (21) (CD)(D) Jessica Macey 5 9 5 **O McSweeney** (5) 4
5 241 **True Courage** [V](13) (D) M Bell 4 9 4 **R Dawson** 9
6 173 **Shake A Leg** [P](54) (D) J Camacho 5 9 4 **P Mulrennan** 1
7 113 **Postmark** [H,T](21) (BF) M Harris 3 9 4 **L Dettori** 2
8 737 **Blow Your Horn** (54) (CD) R Menzies 5 9 3 **P Cosgrave** 7
9 321 **Wynter Wildes** (21) (CD) C Fellows 8 8 11 **H Turner** 6
10811 **Sarsons Risk** (19) (D) I Williams 3 8 10 **David Egan** 8
11310 **Mostly Sunny** (75) (D) H Main 3 8 9 **A Mullen** 10
12110 **Sophisticate** (12) (D) J Goldie 3 8 2 **JP Sullivan** 12
S.P. f'cast: 5-1 Wynter Wildes, 11-2 Sarsons Risk, 6-1 Postmark, 13-2 True Courage, Scampi, 7-1 Trinity Girl, 10-1 Others.

6.15 Racing League Race Thirty-Seven (Hcap) (3) 1m 2f £25,770
1 211 **Tregony** (21) (CD)(D) C Cox 4 9 12 **JP Sullivan** 9
2 932 **Geremia** (21) J Goldie 4 9 12 **JP Sullivan** 9
3 364 **Jean Baptiste** [P](21) (D) R Fell 5 9 12 **O McSweeney** (5) 7
4 302 **Matchless** (17) (D) I Furtado 4 9 11 **L Edmunds** 15
5 114 **Andaleep** [T](14) (D) (BF) D & Kubler 6 9 9 **D Muscett** 5
6 021 **White Willow** (17) (D) R Fahey 4 9 8 **P Cosgrave** 4
7 422 **Vanity Affair** [H](43) (CD)(D) C Fellows 5 9 6 **H Turner** 3
8 013 **City Runner** [B](27) B Meehan 3 9 6 **G M Ryan** 8
9 311 **Eetee** (11) (D) D O'Meara 4 9 6 (56x) **Jason Watson** 12
10153 **Jewel Maker** (17) (D) J Dettori 7 9 5 **C Hardie** 10
11311 **Innse Gal** (16) (D) I Jardine 4 9 4 **A Mullen** 14
12777 **Schmisson** (25) (D) A Balding 3 9 2 **N Currie** 2
13342 **Angels Landing** (14) I Williams 4 8 11 **David Egan** 11
14341 **Fearless Bay** [P](13) (CD)(D) E Dunlop 3 8 9 **R Dawson** 13
S.P. f'cast: 11-2 Eetee, 6-1 Tregony, 7-1 Geremia, Fearless Bay, 15-2 White Willow, 10-1 Vanity Affair, Innse Gal, 12-1 Others.

6.45 Racing League Race Thirty-Eight (Hcap) (3) 1m £27,000
1 321 **Menai Bridge** (21) (CD)(D) C Hills 4 9 12 **D Muscett** 10
2 500 **Young Fire** [V](21) (D) D O'Meara 7 9 11 **Jason Watson** 7
3 322 **Gallac** (21) (C) W Muir & C Grassick 3 9 8 **C Shepherd** 9
4 630 **Raising Sand** [P](21) (D) J Osborne 10 9 7 **S Osborne** (3) 2
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Interview ‘My advice to next England selector – don’t expect to be popular’

Ed Smith reveals the inside story of one of the hardest, and most misunderstood, positions within the game

By Tim Wigmore

Does a selector need to be unpopular? “At times,” laughs Ed Smith, the most recent man to hold the post for England. “I wouldn’t overstress it – it doesn’t need to be an aspiration. You have to be prepared to do what you believe in. Most people know that selection is a hard job.”

For three years, from May 2018, Smith was national selector, a period he documents in a new book, *Making Decisions: Putting the human back in the machine*. The period contained profound challenges – a saturated schedule, competing across all three formats, Covid-19 and the strain of bubble life – and controversial selections. Across all formats, England won 71 games and lost 36. In Tests, their least-successful format since 2015, England won 21 matches and lost 12.

It could be argued that being a selector has never been more difficult, picking teams across three formats and managing a relentless schedule. The challenge has been amplified by county cricket offering little indication of how well a player will perform in the Test arena. Four members of England’s XI who became Test No1 in 2011 scored a century on debut. Batsmen’s “international averages very closely mapped their county average”, Smith observes. This link has been shattered. “If the domestic system is more dissimilar to the international system then there’s more thinking to do,” he says.

Since the start of 2015, 16 specialist batsmen have made debuts. The highest average – 30.3 – is by Rory Burns, who was dropped in Australia. To Smith, this shows “the world as it is not how you’d like it to be” – the dearth of Test-class top-order batsmen, and how difficult home conditions have been.

This informed Smith’s thinking in two ways. First, he persisted with Burns, Joe Denly (Test average 29.5) and Keaton Jennings (25.2) for a long*

time because he was not convinced there were better alternatives. Second, a rare glut of keeper-batsmen and all-rounders led to unusual-looking sides. Essentially, Smith believed that these all-round talents offered more to the team than the “next-in-line” top-order batsmen. This decision was not ideological, but “very pragmatic”.

The most impressive sequence of Smith’s reign, a run of eight Test wins in nine during 2018, came while packing the side with multi-skilled players.

In his book, Smith notes England’s fine record when selecting teams with six bowling options. England did that nine times in his tenure, mostly because of uncertainty over how much Ben Stokes could bowl, winning seven and drawing twice.

Challenging times:
Ed Smith

He believes this is especially important away from home. “The more difficult the pitch for seamers, the more varied attack is demanded.”

While Smith speaks warmly of both Trevor Bayliss and Chris Silverwood, the two head coaches he worked with, Bayliss’s more aggressive approach appears to have chimed better than Silverwood’s preference for a more conventional team structure. “If I

was to describe my way of thinking, those teams in the second half of 2018 had some of that. Lots of all-round talents who were capable of turning a game.”

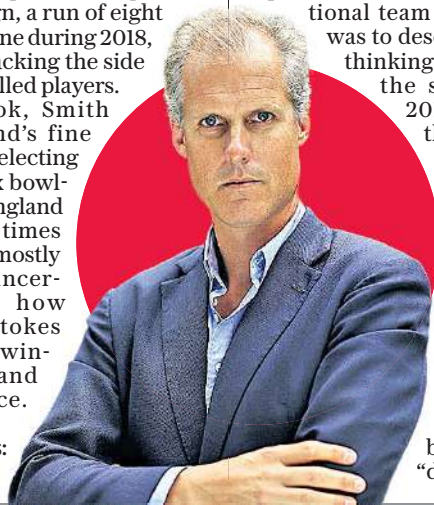
Though statistics were used prominently during Smith’s tenure, he rejects the notion of decision-making based on “gut” or “data” as a false

dichotomy. Jofra Archer was picked for the 2019 World Cup after just 14 List A matches because a judgment about him was supported by analysis showing he out-bowled other England pace bowlers during the Indian Premier League.

Any job entailing so many decisions will bring regrets. Smith admits to feeling “responsibility” when James Anderson broke down after four overs in the first Ashes Test of 2019. He wishes England had fielded a six-man attack more often.

The perception of Smith’s remit – he did not pick the XI, though he discussed it with the captain and coach – also created difficulties. “Sometimes, if it was misconceived as I was trying to do more than is the norm – perhaps that’s a mistake.”

Smith’s experiences give him a perspective on how changes to the domestic game – “playing less and having more best v best” – could help. “Ideally you want such a strong system that there is actually less for selectors to do. Really, they should just be affording opportunities in a relatively predictable way, in support of a system that works.”



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